

TWO NATIONS TO PROBE CAUSE OF DRUCKER'S DEATH

England and Holland Want Rigid Investigation of Circumstances in Which Former Member of Parliament Passed His Last Days.

POLICE INACTIVE DESPITE EVIDENCE OF MALTREATMENT

Demise Came at the End of a Long Debauch With a Woman Who Disappeared When the Story Was Published.

St. Louis, Dec. 17.—Despite the astounding story of brutality told by James Murphy concerning the treatment of Adolphus Drucker, in Bellevue Hospital, which was followed by his death, the district attorney's office today reported it could find no evidence to warrant investigation.

Notwithstanding this decision, William Otto, to whom Murphy referred as an eye-witness, corroborates the story of Murphy in every particular.

Besides the possible maltreatment of the former member of parliament in the hospital, the death of the man has become of international importance.

Both the British and Dutch governments are ready to enter into a most rigid investigation of the man's last days in this city.

An inquest will begin on Friday. Drucker died undoubtedly after a prolonged debauch, most of which was spent in the company of a woman.

Whether or not this woman was a chance acquaintance or had followed him from London in the hope of bringing about his death so that his creditors could collect the enormous insurance on his life is a matter of wide conjecture.

She disappeared when the story of his death was published. Instead of arriving here on Nov. 3, as he led his friends to think, he really arrived on Oct. 24. He was then accompanied by two companions. He remained away from his New York friends until Nov. 12, at which time he was about to start for the Canadian northwest. In a week he was back here. As a matter of fact, it is not known that he left the city at all.

Being short of money he made several drafts for small sums he had on deposit in Holland and Switzerland. The aggregate was \$2000. All of this he drank up in a few weeks.

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LADY MANAGERS ASK FOR \$100,000

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Louis, that I may determine where I shall live in St. Louis," said Mrs. Daniel Manning, president of the board of lady managers, in speaking of her contemplated residence in St. Louis during her term of office.

Mrs. Manning says she has not formulated plans for the work of the board of lady managers. She has a close acquaintance with the work done by the board of lady managers, having served as a member of the committee upon woman's work, which met in St. Louis several months ago.

BOARD LIKELY TO REMAIN THE SAME IN NUMBERS

The World's Fair National Commission met in executive session at 2 o'clock this afternoon at the Southern Hotel. Before going into the meeting, Chairman Carter said to the Post-Dispatch that no new member of the board of lady managers would be appointed as far as he knew.

He said that the membership of the board now exceeded the number originally intended by two and that to elect an additional member would require the suspension of the rules of the national commission by unanimous vote, and that this action would only be considered upon a request of the World's Fair directors. No request has been received from the directors.

At the morning session of the board of lady managers a resolution was adopted recommending the national commission to appoint another member of the board of lady managers.

with no moral fibre whatever, and was fleeced of \$150,000 in five years. H. C. Richards, King's counsel and member of parliament, was one of the few friends who endeavored to save Drucker from the sharks by whom he was surrounded. He said to the Post-Dispatch correspondent today:

"Young Drucker's ruin was effected in the House of Commons. He could not say 'No,' and the bulk of his fortune was squandered in underwriting rotten company promotions at the request of unscrupulous parliamentary colleagues."

"Immediately I received news of his tragic death through the Post-Dispatch correspondent I wrote to Foreign Secretary Lansdowne, urging him to instruct our ambassador in Washington and consul-general in New York, by cable, to press the United States authorities to have the circumstances of his death vigorously investigated."

Some of the dispatches state that Mrs. Drucker was with him in America. There is no Mrs. Drucker, but he was often accompanied by an American woman. He got into the hands of an exceedingly disreputable set before he left England, and the existence of a heavy insurance policy on his life became a perfect oppression with him.

His brothers, Prof. Drucker of Leyden and Charles Drucker of Schevevingen, replying to the Post-Dispatch's request for a statement of their intentions in view of the circumstances of their brother's death, telegraphed they had no statement to make, having placed themselves entirely in the hands of their legal representative in New York.

Charles Drucker is a leader of the Moderate Liberal party in the Netherlands Parliament; the professor is an eminent scientist. Their mother lives in Holland.

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SOUTH SIDE FOR TERMINAL BILL

Broadway Merchants Urge Delegates to Act on Measure for City's Welfare

The South Broadway Merchants' Association adopted strong resolutions in favor of the Terminal bill now pending before the Municipal Assembly at its last meeting, held at Broadway and Geyer avenue.

The meeting was one of the best attended of the season, and while the resolutions were pending nearly every member present spoke in favor of the bill and for putting St. Louis on the railroad map. On

a rising vote not a member of the association failed to vote for the resolutions. President Oscar R. Fries, Treasurer L. E. Kaltwasser and other members were especially favorable to the bill. Mr. Kaltwasser said that St. Louis was not known in the carpet trade as far as shipments were concerned. He said he was in favor of a measure that would allow St. Louis to stand where she belonged.

Boyd's \$4.55 Smoking Jackets. Ladies looking for men's smoking jackets should go to Boyd's, 514 and 516 Olive. They are offering special values at \$4.55 and \$5.

Policy Game Witnesses Called. The grand jury Thursday began an investigation of policy games which are said to be conducted in St. Louis. Several witnesses who are supposed to know about the games have been summoned.

To Cure a Cold in One Day. Take Laxative, Home Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

MEN'S CERTIFICATES—Issued for any amount, redeemable at any time in our Men's Furnishing Department, good for any kind of furnishings. Desirable when at loss to know what to buy for a man.

Great Sale Boxed Gifts

In our basement salesroom tomorrow, consisting of complete patterns of exclusive materials neatly put up in gilt bands enclosed in imitation linen-covered boxes.

This form of holiday giving is very popular this year and we have made extra preparations to meet the increased demand.

Boxed Waist Patterns of embroidered vestings from \$1.00 to \$10.00

Boxed Patterns of dress lengths in fine printed cambric percale, gingham, etc.—each \$1.25

Boxed Patterns of dress lengths of Calico at 60c, 85c and \$1.00

Boxed Pattern of Flannelettes for dresses, kimono, wrappers, etc.—each \$1.00 and \$1.50

Boxed Pattern of dress lengths of French Organdie—exclusive styles—each \$8.00

Boxed Patterns of All-Wool Skirt Lengths \$1.25 and \$1.50

The following are put up on boards in gilt bands without boxes—

Lengths for waists, skirts and children's dresses of Wash Goods, Flannelettes at, each, 25c, 30c up to 50c

Dress lengths of fine Wash Goods such as Irish Dimities, English Cambrics, Swisses, Plumettes, etc.—usually \$3.00, at, each, \$1.50

Gifts for Infants

A list of attractive Novelties for little folks which will prove acceptable Holiday gifts and are on sale in our Infants' Department, second floor.

Bibs—hand-made—from 25c to \$5.75

Vests of bobbinette—lace trimmed—from \$1.00 to \$5.50

Bootees—hand-crocheted—from 15c to \$1.25

Sacques—hand-crocheted—from 25c to \$2.00

Cashmere Sacques—hand-embroidered—\$1.50 to \$9.00

Cashmere Wrappers—hand-embroidered—\$3.50 to \$15.00

White Silk Caps—50c to \$10.00

Pillow Slips—hand-made—\$1.25 to \$12.50

Shawls of flannel and cashmere—\$1.00 to \$7.50

Drawer Leggings—white and black—50c to \$1.25

Afghans—hand-crocheted—\$3.50 to \$4.50

Fur Afghans and Go-Cart Robes—\$3.00 to \$25.00

Bath Robes—from 1 to 3 years size—\$2.00 to \$5.50

Mittens—all sizes—from 25c to \$1.25

Kid Bootees and Moccasins—50c to \$1.25

Carriage Boots of quilted satin—75c

Thermometers for the baby's bath—75c

Infants' Clothes Racks—\$1.00 to \$1.50

Crocheted Ball Rattles—50c to 75c

Ivory Teething Rings—85c

Safety Pin Boxes—hand-painted—\$2.00

Porcelain Milk Warmers—\$5.00

Portable Rubber Bath Tubs—\$10.00 to \$13.50

Holiday Aprons

The largest and most beautiful display of holiday Aprons we have ever shown.

Second Floor.

At 25c to \$2.25—Bib Aprons with bretelles—plain, tucked, embroidery trimmed and hand-scalloped.

At 25c to \$2.25—Maid's Aprons without bibs—plain and embroidery trimmed—also hand-hemstitched.

At 25c to \$3.00—The daintiest of Tea Aprons—plain—many trimmed with lace—embroideries and ribbons—also exquisitely hand-embroidered.

At 25c—Gingham Aprons—full length and width—of best quality gingham.

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BUTLER FUNERAL FRIDAY. Heart Disease Causes Death of Young Business Man

The funeral of John R. Butler, youngest son of Edward Butler, will be held from his late residence, 3411 Lawton avenue, to St. Francis Xavier's (College) Church, Friday morning at 9 o'clock. The interment will be in Calvary Cemetery.

Mr. Butler had been seriously ill for five months with valvular disease of the heart. For four months he had been an invalid, and since last Sunday no hope was expressed for his recovery.

Mr. Butler was born at the family's former home on Tenth street, near Clark avenue, 32 years ago. After attending the old Cathedral school and Christian Brothers College he entered St. Louis University, leaving his work there for a course in a business college.

He entered the brokerage office of James Campbell and remained there until he became president of the Excelsior Hauling Co.

He leaves a widow, who was Miss May Cronin, and three children, John R., aged 4 years; Edward and James Butler. His parents and two brothers, James J. Butler, Edward Butler, Jr., and a sister, Mrs. John J. Paris, survive him.

Mr. Butler was an active member of the Jefferson Club, and for several years served on the Democratic city campaign committee.

Dentist's Office Damaged. The roof of the two-story brick building at 2949 Olive street, occupied by Dr. Edward Schrantz as a residence and dental office, was destroyed by fire Thursday morning. The fire originated in an attic. The loss will reach \$1000.

As Harry R. Wallace of 639 McPherson avenue was trying to lower a window at the Country Club during a dinner with a party of friends a heavy piece of plate glass fell upon his left wrist, almost severing it. Mr. Wallace will not lose the use of his hand.

Handkerchiefs—Five Specials

Beautiful snowy Handkerchiefs, a vast array of the newest and prettiest styles in dainty white or colored embroidered. Our stock of initial handkerchiefs is still very complete. Special attention is called to our display of Real Lace Handkerchiefs at special prices.

1000 dozen Women's All Pure Linen Initial Handkerchiefs, a regular 15c grade, for \$10.00—10c

800 dozen Men's All Pure Linen Hand-Embroidered Initial Handkerchiefs, a 20c quality, for, each, 15c

800 dozen Women's All Pure Linen Hand-Embroidered Initial Handkerchiefs, which have been selling at 20c each, now \$15.00—15c

1500 dozen Women's Pure Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, worth 15c each, for \$22.50—10c

500 dozen Women's Initial Handkerchiefs, put up 6 in a box—a splendid quality has been heretofore \$2.00 a box, now \$1.50—

THE PRESIDENT INTERVIEWED BY A SCHOOL BOY

Fifteen-Year-Old Student of the Government Says He's Democratic and Strong and Has a Hearty Grip When Shaking Hands

HIS MEMORY IS WONDERFUL FOR A MAN WHO IS SO BUSY

The Strength of "Graft" His Most Vivid Impression of Congress, but "Graft," in School Parlor, Means Only Personal Influence

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—"I saw the President of the United States this morning," said James G. Card, a Cleveland school boy, 15 years old, who is here studying Congress and other branches of the government for the benefit of the senior class of civics in the Central High School in that city.

"The thing that impressed me most about him was his memory. A few days ago Representative Burton of Cleveland told the President he intended bringing me to see him."

"This morning Mr. Burton took me in the room where there were 20 or 30 other people, and as soon as he mentioned my name the President said: 'Oh, yes, this is the high school boy from Cleveland. Why, Mr. Card, I am delighted to see you.'"

"Then he told me that he would not have missed seeing me for a good deal and talked with me about the school for a minute, and went on around the room shaking hands with other people who were there. Mr. Burton told me he had just mentioned my name to the President and it made me wonder that a man who is so busy could remember so trifling a thing as my visit."

"He Struck Me as Being Democratic"

"I watched the President when I was waiting there. He went around among the people and spoke first to those he knew and was very pleasant with those he had not met but who were introduced to him."

"He struck me as being a democratic and very strong man. He gave me a good, hard grip when he shook hands with me, and I could see he was in fine health. I guess he's all right."

"I heard Senator Bailey and Senator Spooner speak in the Cuban reciprocity bill. They are all right. Senator Bailey interested me a whole lot. Mr. Bailey told me that he knows a lot and knows he knows it, and is pretty well satisfied with his position. He does not care whether other people think the way he does or not. He thinks he is right, and that is all there is to it."

"Senator Spooner impressed me as a man who knew what he was talking about. Of course, I am not far enough along yet to appreciate the fine constitutional points, but I was much impressed with Mr. Spooner's speech."

Congress Was "Just Talking for Effect"

"When I went into the House I was told they were debating the pension appropriation bill, but I heard them talk about the tariff and Cuba and steel rails and a lot of other things. I did not understand how these things had anything to do with pensions until somebody told me that they were just talking for effect on the country."

"The most interesting thing I have discovered in the House is the strength of 'graft.'"

"What?" asked the Post-Dispatch correspondent.

"The strength of graft. Why, four men run the House, the speaker and a lot of other things. I did not understand how these things had anything to do with pensions until somebody told me that they were just talking for effect on the country."

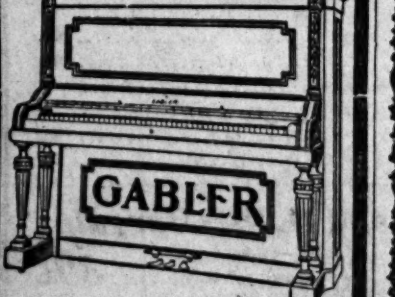
"Of course it has," stoutly asserted young Mr. Card. "When I am strong with my teacher, haven't I got a graft on him?"

"O, you mean personal influence, perhaps. Down here, the word graft is synonymous with dishonesty, you know."

"Is that so?" asked the student. "Well, I guess I do mean personal influence. They are the strong men in the House, are they not?"

Card will today meet several of the House and Senate leaders and talk with them. When he returns to Cleveland on Saturday, he will make a full report of what he has seen, to the class which selected him, after an exciting contest, to the mission, and pays his expenses.

Flying Sticks Cause Death.
Peritonitis, resulting from injuries received from flying sticks while working near a wood planer, caused the death of Daniel Gies, 15 years old, of 108 Allen avenue.



This is the Gabler Piano

We have it in Mahogany, Oak and Walnut.

ELEGANTLY CARVED CASES.

Don't blame us if you are disappointed in the purchase of a piano. We have been telling you of the "Gabler" for a long time.

BOLLMAN BROS. PIANO CO.
1120-1122 OLIVE ST.

Oh, yes—and on easy terms if you desire.

REBUKES FORMER LOVER IN COURT

Woman Collapses After Making Damaging Admissions in Suit for Breach of Promise.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 17.—The cross-examination of Katherine Wolverton, who has entered suit against Dudley Baldwin for \$50,000, charging him with refusal to keep his promise to marry her, came to a startling close today.

Her direct testimony had been gleeful with lover-like scenes, extending over a period of several years. Letters had been read which were filled with tender passages, written by the defendant, who is a wealthy club man, moving in the best society.

The cross-examination wrung from the plaintiff the confession that on visits to

several nearby towns with Baldwin she had permitted him to register as Mr. and Mrs. De Hernandez.

"Was in the eye of God, his wife," the witness declared, "I believed he told me so," she cried between her sobs. "All out now, I am ruined forever. Oh, Dudley, how could you be so cruel!" she added, breaking down.

The defendant's attorney then testified that they wished to have a conference with Mrs. Wolverton's counsel and an effort is being made to settle the case out of court on the suggestion of the trial judge.

Baldwin has sat through the entire proceedings with little show of concern until denounced today by the woman he is said to have promised to marry.

Far From Inexpensive.

From the Washington Star.

"Many a man would give a great deal for your opportunities," said the earnestly ambitious man.

"Of course," answered Senator Sorghum. "I had to give a great deal for 'em myself."

LOOK OUT

For the gem offered in "ready-to-wear" goods by the merchants in every Friday's POST-DISPATCH.

UNIQUE LAW POINT AFFECTS BIG ESTATE

Plant's Plan to Hold \$17,000,000 Together Till It Becomes \$30,000,000 Depends on Residence

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 17.—In order to guard the rights of the possible issue of an 8-year-old boy, Judge Cleaveland, in the Probate Court today, reserved his decision on the petition of parties interested in the estate of the late Millionaire Henry E. Plant, asking the court to declare New York, instead of New Haven, to have been the place of Mr. Plant's legal residence at the time of his death in New York in 1899.

By the terms of Mr. Plant's will the major portion of his estate, which amounted at his death to \$17,000,000, was to be kept intact for several decades and be

given in full to the children of the infant grandson, Henry Bradley Plant, its value at that time being estimated at \$20,000,000. By the petition on which a hearing was held today, Charles E. Hoadley, Emma J. Hoadley and Horace G. Hoadley, all of Waterbury, abandoned their contention, which had caused much litigation in the courts, that New Haven was Mr. Plant's legal residence, and united with executors of the will, Morton P. Plant and George H. Tilley of New York, in asking the court to proclaim New York to have been his residence.

In New York the supreme court has already decided that Mr. Plant's residence was in New York City, but heretofore the Hoadley heirs have endeavored to keep the administration of the estate in Connecticut and have contested its removal to the New York court's jurisdiction.

It is said that one of the results of the granting of the petition and the transfer of the administration to New York would be the vitiation of the provision bequeathing the estate to the issue of the grandson, the laws of New York disallowing such bequests, in perpetuity, while the Connecticut laws sanction them, and that the distribution of the estate might be permitted.

GOOD MEALS FOR LESS THAN 5 CENTS

Maj. Bean's Diet Experiment Proves Men Can Be Well Fed at That Cost

OMAHA, Dec. 17.—The first of Major William H. Bean's nation experiments proves that men who work hard and have good appetites may be nutritiously fed at a cost of less than 5 cents a meal; if food can be purchased at the rate the army secures.

At the prices most householders have to pay for provisions meals in some parts of the country will cost slightly more than 5 cents, but Major Bean places 25 cents a day as the maximum expense for three meals.

The major began his experiments by taking 10 soldiers who do manual labor

through the day at army warehouses in the city. The 10 were his guests at the dining table. Ten rations were issued by the commissary department. A list by pounds of food issued was: Beef, 3 lb.; bacon, 2 lb.; sugar, 1 lb.; bread, 2 lb.; beans, 1 lb.; potatoes, 5 lb.; onions, 1 lb.; tomatoes, 1 lb.; prunes, 1 lb.; sugar, 1 lb.; vinegar, 1 lb.; salt, 1 lb.; butter, 1 lb.; pepper, 1 lb.; matches 1 box. Total cost, \$1.25.

With this supply of food 30 meals were served and the quantity of supplies left over amounted in value to 4 cents. Ten rations were always made to serve the men the same number of meals, although the amount in excess was not always the same. The men who partook of the meals were always satisfied with the fare. They were even enthusiastic about it. It is planned to have similar tests, ten in number, at the department of Missouri.

The experiments were intended to show that substantial and appetizing meals may be prepared for soldiers at a cost of less than 5 cents for each man, and that where economy is observed, laborers may be fed well, in many instances better than they are at present, by adhering to the army fare for slightly more than 5 cents a meal.

Maj. Bean recommends the use of two meats—beef and bacon—they being the food best adapted for nutrition. Instead of breakfast food, which cost more than the morning meal can afford, Maj. Bean insists on the use of the old-fashioned cornmeal, popular with our grandfathers, which can be cooked into attractive dishes.

FRIDAY THE DAY WHEN WE MAKE OUR WEEKLY CLEAN-UP OF ALL ODD LOTS AND REMNANTS

THIS Friday's offerings will be exceptionally interesting, for the rush of Holiday trade, has played havoc with many stocks and the resulting remnants and remainders MUST be disposed of tomorrow, in readiness for next week—

THE BUSIEST WEEK OF THE ENTIRE YEAR!

Christmas Handkerchiefs

When you can't decide on what to give—make it handkerchiefs—the universal and standard present for men, women and children. Here are three bargain suggestions for Friday, selected from the hundreds and hundreds we have to offer you.

Free!—A beautiful World's Fair Souvenir Handkerchief box with every purchase in this department amounting to one dollar or more!

1500 dozen Ladies' Imported Plain White Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, with hand-made drawn work designs, worth 10c—Friday at **5c**
500 dozen of the finest lace trimmed all-linen Handkerchiefs that you ever saw at the price! They're actually worth 35c to 50c each, but we offer you choice Friday at only **25c**
500 boxes of ladies' all-linen Handkerchiefs, with hand-worked initials. Each box contains 6 Handkerchiefs, and is an extraordinary bargain at, per box **\$1.00**

Table Felt Remnants

At only about one-third original price! 550 yards of fine table felt and silence cloth for dining tables, in lengths up to 3 yards. Goods that sell regularly up to 65c a yard, and that are really worth that price. As long as they last we'll sell these remnants Friday—on our main floor—at, a yard **25c**

Holiday Jewelry

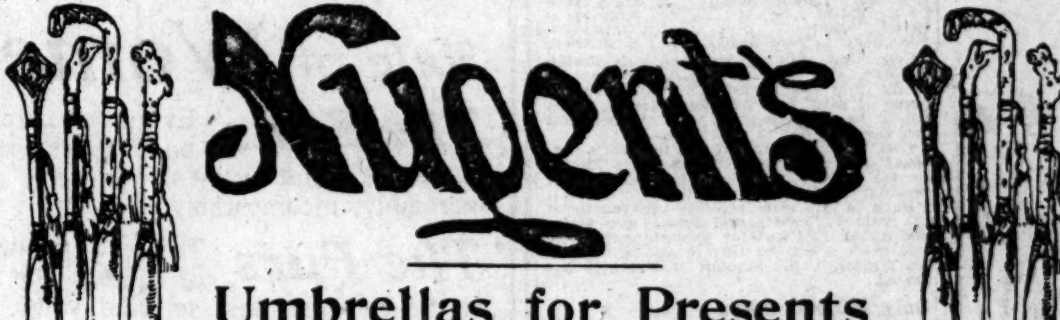
Imported Brooches, in plush cases, at from—**\$2.00 to \$15.00 each**
Pearl Earrings, with solid gold mountings, in plush cases—**\$7.50 a pair**
Scarf or Stick Pins, in plush cases—**\$1.50 to \$2.50 each**
Pearl Neck Chains—**\$2.00 to \$4.50 each**
Watch Fobs at from—**75c to \$3.50 each**
Solid Gold Rings—Children's, 50c to \$2.00. Misses—**\$1.00 to \$3.50**
Solid Gold Rings—Ladies'—**\$1.00 to \$15.00**
Gun Metal Novelties—**\$1.50 to \$2.50 each**

Upholstery Department

Three Christmas suggestions that merit your careful consideration. Third floor.
HASSOCKS—Extra large ones, in the popular square shape—75c goods, for **35c**
COUCH COVERS—Tapestry covers, in rich Oriental stripes—trimmed all around with tasseled fringe. Regular \$1.55 grade—Friday **\$1.25**
DRAPES—Mantel and piano Drapes of excellent material—trimmed with knotted fringe—worth a dollar—Friday price **70c**

Blankets and Comforts

An opportunity to save money on substantial, serviceable presents. These in basement.
11-4 natural silver gray Blankets, made from long, fine combed wool—a heavy and warm \$5.00 Blanket—Friday, a pair **\$3.90**
Large, fluffy, warm Bed Comforts, filled with best white cotton, worth \$1.50—Friday, each **\$1.00**
Extra large Comforts, with good, heavy covering, fancy quilted. They measure 72x94 inches, and are worth fully \$2.00—our price, each **\$1.50**
Large Comforts, covered with twilled English Chintz and filled with best white cotton—\$2.25 would be a low price—here Friday for, each **\$1.75**
White Marseilles Spreads—the real article, of fine quality, with raised figures—worth at least \$2.50—Friday, each **\$1.85**



Umbrellas for Presents

Always welcome. Needed by man, woman or child and therefore sure to be acceptable. Our great department on the second floor is replete with everything known in the umbrella line and offers just what you want at any price you care to pay. Plenty of room for careful and leisurely selection, but come this week if possible, as you'll now find the stock more complete.

Ladies' Umbrellas.
No matter what the price, you can feel assured it's the best obtainable for the money.
At \$1.00—A big line of good, stylish Umbrellas with natural wood or fancy horn handles.
At \$1.50—Over 50 different styles, with handles of pearl, silver and horn.
At \$2.00—A beautiful assortment of silver-trimmed natural sticks—silver and horn—also silver caps.
At \$2.50—We show sterling silver, silver and gold, novelty natural wood, with name-plates, and pearl handled Umbrellas.
At \$2.95—Full length styles in gold or silver and pearl handles—also hooks and large knob styles.
At \$3.95—A superb line, with handles of chased gold and pearl, fancy carved ivory and long clear pearl—over 100 styles—black or colored silks.
At \$5.00—Beautiful—covered with best silks and with elaborately carved handles of the costliest kinds.

Boys' and Girls' Umbrellas.
A nice assortment in many styles of handles at—**50c, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50 each.**

Hundreds and Hundreds of Them for Friday!

Dress Goods Remnants

At prices that are ridiculously insignificant when you consider the splendid quality of the fabrics. No matter—they're remnants and they're in our way, so away they go Friday, regardless of cost or value.

Colored Dress Goods
Waist, Skirt and Dress Lengths at less than half regular yard prices!
Remnants worth up to **95c**
Remnants worth up to **\$1.45**
Remnants worth up to **\$2.60**
Remnants worth up to **\$3.40**
Remnants worth up to **\$4.50**
Remnants worth up to **\$5.90**

Black Dress Goods
At tremendous savings Friday! Don't overlook such a chance!
Dress Length Remnants for, each **\$1.50**
Dress Length Remnants for, each **\$1.95**
Dress Length Remnants for, each **\$2.50**
Dress Length Remnants for, each **\$3.50**
Dress Length Remnants for, each **\$4.45**
Dress Length Remnants for, each **\$5.95**

Silks and Velvets
Waist, Skirt and Dress Lengths in all colors and black!
\$1.00 Silk and Velvet Remnants at, each **50c**
\$2.00 Silk and Velvet Remnants at, each **\$1.00**
\$3.00 Silk and Velvet Remnants at, each **\$1.50**
500 Waist Lengths at, each **\$2.60**
100 Black Skirt Lengths at, each **\$5.75**
100 Black Skirt Lengths at, each **\$7.50**

Holiday Suggestions in

Clothing for Men and Boys

Gifts that appeal to the eye, and at the same time bring real comfort and adornment to the recipient. Here are our special offers for Friday buyers:

15c for Boys' 25c Golf Caps.
Made of all-wool chevrot, with double band—navy blue or Oxford gray.
\$1.69 for Boys' \$3.00 Suits.
All-wool Knee Pants Suits, in double-breasted or Norfolk styles—sizes up to 16 years.
\$3.49 for Boys' \$7.50 Reefers.
Your unrestricted choice of any Reefer in our store at this price! Ages 3 to 16 years.
\$5.00 for Boys' \$8.50 Overcoats.
Nobby, long cut coats for boys of 3 to 16 years, mostly in the popular Oxford gray colors.

\$7.50 for Youths' \$12.00 Suits.
All-wool double-breasted Suits, in navy blue or pretty mixed chevrots—sizes 14 to 20 years.
\$8.95 for Men's \$12.00 Overcoats.
All-wool Kerseys and Irish Friezes—extra long and full—every coat hand tailored—sizes 34 to 44.
\$9.75 for Men's \$15.00 Suits.
Of fine imported black clay worsted—Italian serge lining—sizes 34 to 44.
\$4.95 for Men's \$7.50 House Coats.
Or Smoking Jackets! All the newest, nattiest ideas and styles! All sizes! A wonderful Christmas bargain!

B. Nugent & Bro. Dry Goods Co., Broadway and Washington.

Kid Glove Specials

Did you ever know a woman who didn't want gloves for Christmas? Send her a box of our Trefousse at Cie Paris Kid Gloves, for which we are sole agents in St. Louis. THEY ARE THE WORLD'S BEST.

If you want to give gloves and don't know the correct size, why not buy one of our Glove Certificates? They permit the recipient to select her (or his) gloves personally, being practically orders on our Glove Department for goods amounting to \$1.00, \$1.50 or \$2.00.

75c For Women's and Girls' 2-clasp Light-Weight Kid Gloves in a beautiful range of colors. By purchasing 2 pairs you receive a handsome World's Fair Souvenir Box.

\$1.00 For Men's Kid Gloves of exceptionally good quality—much better than gloves usually offered at this price. Each pair in a pretty gift box without extra charge.

Soiled Dolls Sacrificed

Every Doll that is soiled or mussed by careless handling will receive short shrift here Friday! The more soiled the more we cut the price! Dolls of all kinds, colors and sizes sacrificed because not quite spick and span as we'd like to have them. Come early tomorrow or the one you want may be gone!

Our Doll Hospital repairs broken dolls; all hurt dolls brought to us before Saturday night will be delivered before Christmas.

Ladies' Stylish Waists

Two extraordinary offers, for Friday only:
1st—Fine All-Wool Flannel Waists with embroidered fronts—all sizes—regular \$3.00 waists—choice for **\$1.00**
2d—Beautiful Taffeta Silk Waists in black, blue or white—waists that sold until now at \$5.00, \$5.50 and \$6.00—your choice Friday for **\$2.95**

Petticoats for Gifts

Three lines that are the best values in our entire superb stock.
Black and White Checked Mercerized Petticoats with black ruchings—would be splendid value at \$1.50—Friday price **\$1.00**
Elegant Petticoats of rich, heavy, rustling black silk taffeta—a prize at **\$4.50**
Here's a beauty! Of colored or black taffeta, having deep accordion-pleated flounce, edged with dainty tuckered ruffle—actual value \$10.00—our Friday price **\$6.95**

19c Hosiery at 12½c

A rare bargain offer for Friday:
1—Ladies' Heavy Seamless Fleece-Lined Hose—Choice, **12½c**
2—Children's Heavy Ribbed Cotton School Hose— **12½c**
3—Men's Heavy Seamless Fleece-Lined Hose— **12½c**

Presents for Baby

In our Infants' Wear Department—3d Floor.
Pretty little Colored Silk Caps, that are usually sold for 35c—your choice for **15c**
Warm Woolen Drawer-Leggings, in black only—the 35c kind, for only **15c**
Also regular 25c Knee Leggings for **10c**
ICE WOOL SQUARES—Ladies' Hand-Made Imported Ice Wool Squares, in black only—well worth 75c—here Friday for **35c**

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.

Tax bills for 1903 will have to be paid on or before the 31st Inst. The heavy penalties provided by law on delinquent taxes will be enforced after January 1st, 1904.
Payment now will save time and inconvenience to taxpayers.
L. F. HAMMER, JR.,
Collector of the Revenue.
St. Louis, December 17th, 1903.

SAVE TIME AND MONEY.

Gold Crowns NO PAIN \$3.00
Teeth extracted absolutely without pain. As acknowledged to be the easiest and best painless extractor in St. Louis.
REFERENCES: My Gold and Porcelain Crowns are perfect and I have teeth extracted absolutely without pain.—Solomon Miller, Belleville, Ill.
DON'T be humbugged by dentists who claim to do painless work; our patented method is positive. Why take chances with others?
Established 25 years. All work guaranteed for 15 years.
SPECIAL PRICES UNTIL DECEMBER 20.
Set of Teeth \$2.00
Best "Special" \$1.50
22c Gold Crowns \$1.00
Gold Filling \$1.00
OUR RELIABILITY IS UNQUESTIONED. This firm is backed by a wealthy corporation and is therefore thoroughly responsible. German spoken.
Protective guarantee of 25 years. Dr. Tarr, M.D., and skilled operators in constant attendance.
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Ladies attendants. Open daily—Evening 6 to 8 o'clock. Sunday, 2 to 4. Take elevator.

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An admirable food, with all its natural qualities intact, fitted to build up and maintain
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Gives Strength and Vigour.
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GRATEFUL-COMFORTING.

"MEDIUM" IS NOT A FORTUNE TELLER

Member of Church of Spiritual Unity
Freed of Charge of Violating
Ordinance

Mrs. E. C. Crawford, a member of the First Church of Spiritual Unity, was discharged in the Dayton Street Police Court Thursday of the charge of violating the ordinance requiring fortune tellers to pay a \$10 license.

In disposing of the case, after hearing the evidence, which occupied more than one hour, Judge Pollard declared he believed Mrs. Crawford was only practicing the sciences of her faith. He added that the

constitution of the United States guarantees freedom of religious faith to every citizen. Inspector O'Connor of the city license commission's office was the prosecuting witness. He said he went to Mrs. Crawford's house Wednesday and asked her to tell him her fortune. She replied that she could not tell his fortune, but would give him a "reading." He testified that she told him much about his past and also told him much which she said would take place in the future. When he left the house he thanked her and paid a dollar on a table, though she had told him he could give her whatever he thought the "reading" was worth.

Among the witnesses were Rev. W. F. Peck, Mrs. Mary J. Ferris of 2227 B Leaside avenue, Mrs. S. M. Jurgens of 1411 Burd avenue and Dr. Laura Randolph of 422 Wichita avenue.

Information Wanted
From the Yonkers Statesman.
"I want to introduce you to Prof. Batou, one of our greatest conductors," said the host at an afternoon musicale.
"Indeed?" said the woman who had recently butted into society. "Band or street car?"

"PE-RU-NA RESTORES HEALTH AND VIGOR"

Writes Mrs. Dr. Edwards, of Iowa.



Most of the Ailments Peculiar to the
Female Sex Are Due to Catarrh
of Pelvic Organs.

Mrs. Harriet R. Edwards, 1015 Brady st., Davenport, Ia., writes concerning Peruna: "Every physician knows that while the proper remedy will restore health, the wrong medicine will act as a poison. Any physician knows that if he does not administer the proper medicine for a certain case it acts as a poison to the system, and it is therefore very important that one should have the right medicine. "I have found that Peruna is a wonderful medicine to use in diseases peculiar to women. It quickly and permanently restores health and vigor and acts as a tonic to a worn-out system. I have so far never observed a case which was not greatly aided by its use."—Rev. Harriet R. Edwards.

Peruna has cured thousands of cases of female weakness. As a rule, however, before Peruna is resorted to, several other remedies have been tried in vain. A great many of the patients have taken local treatment, submitted themselves to surgical operations, and taken all sorts of doctor's stuff, without any result.

The reason of so many failures is the fact that diseases peculiar to the female sex are not commonly recognized as being caused by catarrh. These organs are lined by any mucous membrane is subject to catarrh.

"Catarrh of one organ is exactly the same as catarrh of any other organ. What will cure catarrh of the head will also cure catarrh of the pelvic organs. Peruna cures these cases simply because it cures the catarrh.

Most of the women afflicted with pelvic diseases have no idea that their trouble is due to catarrh. The majority of the people think that catarrh is a disease confined to the head alone.

This is not true. Catarrh is liable to attack any organ of the body, throat, bronchial tubes, lungs, stomach, kidneys and especially the pelvic organs.

Many a woman has made this discovery after a long stage of useless treatment. She has made the discovery that her disease is catarrh, and that Peruna can be relied upon to cure catarrh wherever located.

Mrs. Judge McAllister writes from 1217 West Twenty-third street, Minneapolis, Minn., as follows: "I suffered for years with a pain in the small of my back and right side. It interfered often with my domestic and social duties and I never supposed that I would be cured, as the doctor's medicine did not seem to help me any."

"I took Peruna faithfully for seven weeks and am happy indeed to be able to say that I am entirely cured. Perfect health once more is the best thing I could wish for, and thanks to Peruna I enjoy that now."—Minnie E. McAllister.

If you do not receive prompt and satisfactory results from the use of Peruna, write at once to Dr. Hartman, giving a full statement of your case, and he will be pleased to give you his valuable advice gratis.

Address Dr. Hartman, president of The Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, O.

Ask Your Druggist for a free Peruna Almanac for 1904

Gold Spectacles—FOR Christmas Gifts.

No gift more certain of appreciation than a pair of Gold Spectacles. We have them at all prices from

\$5.00 to \$12.00.

Buy them now and our expert optician will test the eyes and adjust the lenses after Christmas—or before, if you prefer it—no charge for this service.

Mermod & Jaccard's
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SPECTACLES by Mail. Write for Test Card—Free.

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WILLARD FAMILY'S TROUBLES JUST OUT

Daughter's Suit to Break Father's
Will First Intimation of Dis-
cord in the House.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The wide circle of Henry Willard's friends is deeply interested in the suit of Mrs. Helen Willard, his daughter, to break his will. Mrs. Willard charges fraud and undue influence and names her mother, her two brothers, Oswald and Harold, and Horace White, Chas. A. Spofford, co-executors with Mrs. Willard, as the defendants.

This is the first intimation that there has been any discord in the family. Mr. Willard died on Nov. 12, 1900, at his country place, Thorwood, near Dobbs Ferry. Apoplexy caused his death, and his illness was brief. His will was executed on June 22 of the same year, at which time, so far as the public knew, he was in good health. He was 65 years old.

When the will was probated a few weeks after Mr. Willard's death public attention was first called to the great disparity in its provisions respecting the four surviving members of the immediate family. The personal estate amounted to about \$3,000,000, in addition to the controlling interests owned by Mr. Willard in the Evening Post and the Nation. According to the figures of the transfer tax department, the final distribution of the personal property, aside from the charitable bequests and some small legacies to relatives, was as follows: Mrs. Willard, \$250,000; Oswald Willard, \$250,000; Harold Willard, \$250,000; and Mrs. Helen Willard, \$17,000.00.

Even this showing was more favorable to Mrs. Willard than the facts warranted. Study of the will shows the provisions in favor of Mrs. Willard are restricted in ways which those concerning her mother and brothers are not.

The will, in addition to the testator's personal and household goods, gave \$500,000 to the widow, together with half of the residuary estate, and Oswald getting \$500,000 additional, the testator explaining that he had made a gift to Harold at the time of his marriage, the amount of which is not stated.

Only \$25,000 Given to Her Absolutely

The only absolute request to Mrs. Willard in the will is \$25,000. In trust for her benefit there is given to the Evening Loan and Trust Co. another sum of \$25,000, the income to be paid to her for life, "free from the debts, control or interference from any husband she may have." The bequest gives her power to dispose of the trust fund by will.

The will establishes another trust fund out of which an annuity of \$500 is to be paid to Mrs. Willard during her life. At her death, however, the fund is to be divided between Oswald and Harold Willard or their heirs.

The provision of the will relating to the distribution of the residuary estate says: "I do not give my daughter Helen any part of my residuary estate because of the gifts and provisions to and for her hereinbefore contained and I have given to my said wife enough of my estate to enable her by will, or otherwise, to make such further provision for my said daughter Helen as my said wife shall determine to be wise."

According to the reports published at the time, Mrs. Willard, with her mother and brothers, was in Dresden most of the time since her marriage a number of years ago. As far as her behavior toward her husband, Mr. Willard, a native of Germany, was extremely fond of the aristocratic and made many long visits there after he had acquired his wealth. By his will he left \$500,000 to four German charities, which he had assisted in his lifetime.

The fight for the millions will recall to notice the stormy business career through which he acquired them. Twice he made great fortunes, only to see them swept away in the crashes of 1884 and 1893. In each case, by his boldness and indomitable energy, he retrieved his affairs. He gave vast sums to charity and education.

The most famous fight of his life was that with the Northern Pacific. A husband and wife, who were partners in the Willard's retirement, a suit involving \$10,000,000, in which each side was backed by the most powerful financial forces of the world, was brought against him and other men connected with the management of the road. A few months later the suit was blackballed by the Metropolitan Club. He went to Germany and it was reported that he would reside there for the remainder of his life. He returned, however, and shortly after came back and tackled his foe with the same vigor, speedily rehabilitating his fortune.

Mr. Willard was famous for his lavish expenditures. After the election of Grover Cleveland to the Presidency in 1892, a dinner in his honor was given at Sherry's by Mr. Willard, which was on such a scale of magnificence that it attracted much attention. It was intimated that Mr. Cleveland would make Mr. Willard either secretary of the interior or minister to Germany, but he died neither.

Boyd's Great Sale of Men's Smoking Jackets at \$4.95.

There is nothing more appropriate for a gentleman's Christmas present than a house or smoking jacket. Don't fail to see Boyd's great line at \$4.95, also extra fine grades from \$6 to \$14.50.

Jeff Davis as a Son-in-Law

Senator McCraw of Kentucky is an authority on historical incidents of the Mexican war, of which he has been an interested student. Here is a tribute to the courage of Jefferson Davis he is fond of relating: "It was during the Mexican war," he said, "as you know, Jefferson Davis had previously eloped with the daughter of Taylor, who was then in command on the Texas border and not in close touch with the White House. Just as Davis was out of reach by cable at Manila. The American troops crossed the border. The Mexicans made trouble and Taylor went ahead and the victory of Palo Alto and Monterey was won. In the famous battle in which Davis was told to 'load your cannon with grape, shot Davis who then under command of Taylor, went ahead and won a notable victory in a certain part of the field. When he returned Taylor grasped his hand cordially and, after congratulating him, said: 'Let me tell you, sir, that you have done a great thing in the selection of a husband for my daughter than I did myself.'"

A Gratiified Wish.

"I'm hoping for something to turn up," he said. As he entered the house to propose. And scarce had he made her an offer to wed. Tho she spitefully turned up her nose. "What the man who painted those splendid pigs in the last Exhibition?"

"That's the man! He says it will be one of the most successful things he has ever done. 'Shouldn't wonder!'"

NO REST FOR THE JERSEY MOSQUITO

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 17.—If any mosquito has gone into retirement for the winter with the idea that the next summer is to be one of unmolested activity, that the summer of 1909 will be the great year for him, he is a much deluded insect of prey. Indications are that this arrogant, exasperating fellow has a hard season ahead.

So highly important has the subject become that an anti-mosquito convention is to be held in this city next Wednesday afternoon. The meeting place will be the rooms of the Board of Trade and Transportation.

As governor of the first state to act for suppression of the mosquito, Franklin Murphy of New Jersey has been invited to preside. Gov. Murphy's intimate acquaintance with the most pestiferous type of the mos-

quito will assist the delegates in their deliberations. The question of a national organization to advance the cause of exterminating the mosquito will be considered. All who are interested in one or more phases of the subject—health, property values, agriculture, scenic improvement, humanity to animals and public comfort—are invited to attend.

It is proposed, as an educational plan, to give the complete papers of the speakers and distribute them generally, in promotion of the movement. According to entomologists, a single mosquito can lay 600 eggs at a time, the average being 200. There are usually six hatchings in a season, and it has been computed that with favorable weather the progeny of one mosquito in a single season will number 64,000,000,000. It is possible for the offspring of one insect to reach the incomprehensible number of a quintillion 32 quadrillion in a single season.

Quadrillions are necessary for the breeding of the mosquito, and one of the objects of the meeting is to discuss ways and means to reclaim swamps and marshes, and get rid of stagnant pools. Where such a course is impracticable the convention probably will indorse the use of kerosene.

Bank Robbed of \$1000.
GAARDEN CITY, Ia., Dec. 17.—The bank here was robbed last night of \$1000.

CONFESSIONS SENT FOUR TO CHESTER

One of Five Charged With Saloon
Robbery By Sister's
Testimony.

John Hoffman, John, alias Monk, Baxter, Emmett Russell and Edward Payne were convicted at Belleville Thursday morning of the robbery of Egger's saloon at Fourteenth street and Broadway, East St. Louis, and sentenced to indeterminate terms in the penitentiary at Chester.

Joseph Terry, accused of complicity in the same crime and implicated by the testimony of Hoffman, was acquitted on the fact that Baxter, in his testimony, would not say that Terry was one of the men. Terry is held under other indictments.

charging highway robbery, larceny and assault to kill. Hoffman surprised every man in the room by telling a detail of the plot to rob the saloon and a manner in which the plans were carried out. He took his full share of the blame and named Baxter, Russell, Payne and Terry as his companions.

Hoffman also confessed his part, but said Hoffman was the only one of his companions that he knew. He said the other three men were strangers to him.

Terry's three sisters testified that he was at home all evening on the night of the robbery, playing cards with them, and that after the game was finished he went to his room and remained there all night.

Baxter, one of the men convicted, was the leader in the Belleville jail delivery seven years ago when Sheriff Herman Barnickol was decoyed into a cell and murdered, the prisoners then escaping. Baxter was captured and sent to the penitentiary, but was paroled. Many of the people of East St. Louis and Belleville did not know he had been released until he was arrested for the Egger's saloon robbery.

Linen Special!

50 dozen All Linen Hemstitched Damask Tray Cloths, 18x27 in.—Regular price 50c, each **35c**

ST. LOUIS, MO.



Linen Special!

200 dozen 20x38 Huck Towels—fancy borders—the best every-day towel in the market—worth 19c each **15c**—Friday, each **15c**

Sale of Women's Suits, Coats and Furs

The Suits Every odd garment in our immense Suit and Coat stock must go, and prices are reduced to a point that means an absolute and severe loss to us. Every new style, every new material, every color and every size is here. It's the opportunity of the season to secure high class garments at prices incredibly, incomparably low.

The Furs The entire surplus stocks of two great fur manufacturers bought by us at a price concession of 33 1/3%. The furs are the handsomest and most perfect we have ever handled, being made of the choicest, best selected skins. The styles are the latest and most approved. The prices are the lowest ever quoted on like quality of goods.

\$10 for Women's \$25 Suits
Hundreds of new, stylish Suits on sale tomorrow at prices far below the regular value. The regular stock and reduced heavily in price for a quick clearing—all styles, materials and colors—all silk or satin lined—to be sold as follows:

Women's \$25.00 Suits for **\$10.00**
Women's \$30.00 Suits for **\$15.00**
Women's \$35.00 Suits for **\$20.00**
Women's \$40.00 Suits for **\$25.00**

\$5 for Women's \$10 Winter Coats
The extra heavy selling of the past three months has left in this great stock many odd garments. These have all been separated from the regular stock and reduced heavily in price for a quick clearing—all styles, materials and colors—all silk or satin lined—to be sold as follows:

Women's \$10.00 Winter Coats for **\$5.00**
Women's \$12.75 Winter Coats for **\$7.50**
Women's \$15.00 Winter Coats for **\$8.00**
Women's \$20.00 Winter Coats for **\$12.75**

\$2.75 for Women's \$6 Skirts
Our great skirt stock is to be cleared of all odd garments—hundreds of skirts, both walking and dress styles, in all materials and colors—perfectly draped, high-class skirts to be sold as follows:

Women's \$6.00 Skirts for **\$2.75**
Women's \$7.50 Skirts for **\$3.75**
Women's \$10.00 Skirts for **\$5.00**

Feather Boas for Gifts
A beautiful present for a lady, and not at all expensive. Women have grown to prize fine Feather Boas as much as they do costly lace and hand-some pieces of jewelry. The choicest gathering of Feather Boas is here, a variety of qualities, styles and prices that makes selecting easy indeed. One special lot of Black and Gray Feather Boas priced at **\$1.69** each. Other Boas at all prices each.

Ladies' and Misses' Hats
We place on sale tomorrow a large lot of Ladies' and Misses' Street Hats that have been selling at \$3 and \$4 each, for **25c**. Another very special lot of Ladies' Tailored Hats, in all colors, for **\$1.50**. CHILDREN'S WOOLLEN TAMS—An immense display, in all colors, styles and prices; priced exceptionally low—**25c, 35c, 50c** and **\$1.25**. (Second Floor—New Addition.)

Hosiery and Knit Underwear Underpriced

(First Floor.)
We are closing out the balance of our Women's \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50 Plain and Lace Embroidered and Fancy Colored Hosiery. The lot includes all of this season's choicest embroidered patterns, in figures and designs, and a great variety of fancy colored in vertical stripes and fancy effects. A splendid lot for Xmas gifts. Not one odd pattern in the lot. The entire lot at one price, per pair **79c**.

Women's Plain and Lace Fancy Colored Lisle Thread Hose. Very neat patterns, in black and white and colored vertical stripes. Both black and colored grounds. Sold all season at \$1.00. Price, per pair **59c**.

Small lot of broken sizes of Women's Black and Natural Ribbed Wool Tights, Black Union Suits and Black Vests and Pants, all high-grade goods. Former prices \$1.50 and \$2.00—Friday, per garment **\$1.00**.

Boys' and Youths' Ribbed Natural Merino Shirts and Drawers, nicely finished, medium weight, very elastic; all sizes from 26 to 34. Former price 75c—Friday, per garment **50c**.

Fancy China--A Sale.

(Basement.)
Continuation of our great sale of Fancy China. This is a delayed shipment—should have been here four months ago, but for some unaccountable reason failed to arrive until this week. Almost half the selling season is over, and to induce us to take the goods the importer chopped a full third off the price. This is one of the greatest sales we have ever held, and all women economically inclined should attend.

Chocolate Pitchers, value 75c, at **49c**
Tea Pots, value 75c, at **49c**
Sugars and Creams, value 50c, at pair **25c**
Syrup Pitchers, value 50c, at **25c**
Cream Jugs, value 25c, at **15c**
Cream Jugs, value 50c, at **25c**
Salad Bowls, value 65c, at **29c**
Plates, value 45c, at each **10c**
Plates, value 25c, at each **15c**

Bread and Milk Sets, value 75c, at set **39c**
Tea Pot Stands, value 30c, at each **10c**
Bone Dishes, value 20c, at each **10c**
Salad Bowls, value 50c, at each **25c**
Cake Plates, value 50c, at **25c**
Fruit Sauces, value 30c, at **10c**
Cracker Jars, value 75c, at **39c**
Spoon Trays, value 25c, at **15c**
Chop Dishes, value 75c, at **49c**

Bargain Tables of Bric-a-Brac
49c Table contains 75c and \$1.00 values.
99c Table contains \$1.25 and \$1.75 values.
Bargain Tables of Rich Cut Glass
Cut Glass Toilet Bottles, value 50c **25c**
Cut Glass Sugars and Creams, value \$4.00, pair **\$2.50**
Cut Glass Water Bottles, value \$3.75, each **\$2.50**
Cut Glass Oil Bottles, value \$2.50, each **\$1.75**
Cut Glass 8-inch Salad Bowls, value \$5.00, each **\$2.75**
Cut Glass Salt and Pepper Shakers, value 50c, each **25c**

Best Groceries--Reduced.

(Basement.)
Price inducements in our Pure Food Store for Friday and Saturday that are very much out of the ordinary. Housekeepers are already planning for their Christmas dinners. The wise will profit by these reductions. Right goods—right prices always.

Magnolia Milk, per can **9c**
Eagle Lake E. J. Peas, worth 9c, per can **8c**
White Horse Marrowfat Peas, worth 12c, per can, 10c; per dozen **\$1.10**
Reindeer String Beans, worth 10c, 3 cans **25c**
Great Rock Island Pumpkin, worth 10c, 4 cans **25c**
Perfection Wet Mince Meat, 3-lb. can **20c**
Condensed Mince Meat, all brands, per package **9c**
Raisins, 3 Crown Muscatels (for cooking), per lb. **10c**
Mixed Nuts, 15c grade, 2 lb. **25c**
Maple Sugar, perfectly pure, worth 20c, 2 lb. **25c**

Toys and Dolls--Bargains

A large lot of regular 50c and 65c Dressed Dolls reduced to, each **39c**
Regular \$1.25 Kid Body Dolls reduced to **98c**
Also all odd Dolls, of which we have only a few pieces, each reduced to close out the old stock—Dressed Dolls reduced from

\$1.00 to **69c**
\$1.50 to **98c**
And some 100 odd Dolls in addition to above reduced to close out BARGAIN TABLE in the Toy Department, on which we are closing out all old pieces at half and less than former prices.

Sand Mills reduced from 75c to **25c**
Sand Mills reduced from \$1.25 to **50c**
Stables reduced from \$1.25 to **50c**
Stables reduced from 65c to **25c**
Stables reduced from \$1.75 to **50c**

Warehouses with Elevator,
Reduced from 65c to **25c**
Reduced from \$1.25 to **50c**
Reduced from \$1.95 to **50c**
Doll Houses reduced from \$1.25 to **50c**
Doll Houses reduced from \$1.75 to **50c**
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(Basement.)

MABEL PARKER JURY COULD NOT AGREE

Though She Barred Bald Heads and Ugly Men, It Refused to Acquit Her.

SEVEN FOR, FIVE AGAINST HER

"But, After All, a Disagreement Is Better Than a Conviction," Says the "Forger Queen."

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Mabel Parker's beauty availed much, in fact it probably kept her out of the penitentiary.

The "forger queen," expected to be acquitted, but after deliberating for nearly four hours, the 12 men, among whom there was not a bald head, as a result of the fair defendant's instructions, filed into Judge Cowing's court and announced that they could not agree.

Altogether eight ballots were taken, by the jury. On the last ballot seven jurors voted for acquittal and five for conviction. "I am so sorry," said Mabel, when the disagreement was announced.

"I thought I might be freed. But after all a disagreement is much better than a conviction. I only hope, if I am to be tried again, they won't keep me five months in the Tombs before the case is called."

These jurors who favored the girl's acquittal said they believed the detective who worked the case testified "too strongly" to be truthful.

"There was a little too much girl in this case, I think," said District Attorney Jerome. "But I will say that she will be tried again in January."

Mr. LeBarber, Mabel Parker's senior counsel, said he doubted whether the district attorney would ever put his client on trial again.

"And, if he does insist on a second trial," he added, "I am positive that it will result in an acquittal."

"I have not given up hope," said the defendant, when led back to prison. "They have done some awful lying against me, and I only hope that these very persons will be found out sooner or later."

"I told the absolute truth when I was in the witness stand. I never forged those signatures, and I certainly was not fooled by the man, Penobly. You can tell that he is a detective, even when he is not in disguise."

The courtroom was crowded when the case went to the jury yesterday. There were many stylishly-gowned women in the courtroom who wanted to get a good look at Mabel Parker. She appeared to be somewhat nervous when she heard Mr. Train tell the jury she was a "clever, witty forger, who ought to be convicted."

LIGHT BEFORE NEW ALTAR.
United Hebrew Congregation Will Dedicate Building Sunday.

The perpetual lamp will be lighted in the new temple of the United Hebrew Congregation at King's Highway and Morgan street Sunday afternoon, when the ceremony of dedication is performed. The building was formerly occupied by Mount Carmel Christian Church.

Among those who will participate in the dedication services are Dr. H. J. Messing, Rabbi A. J. Messing of Chicago, Dr. Leon Harrison, Rev. Frank G. Tyrrell, Dr. Samuel Sale, Rabbi H. H. Katz and R. A. Rosenzweig. Dr. G. Morris, building committee chairman, will present the keys of the temple to Samuel Marx, president of the congregation. I. Russack will light the lamp.

YOU MUST DECIDE
For yourself WHEN to sell that property—but when it comes to the matter of HOW to sell it, the want ads will help you. No other paper reaches as many readers as the Post-Dispatch.

EARLY COAL MERCHANT DIES.
Sylvester Funeral Arrangements Await Return of Widow.

The body of James J. Sylvester, a pioneer anthracite coal merchant, will be brought to St. Louis from Kansas City for burial. The funeral arrangements to be announced after Mrs. Sylvester returns from Baltimore, where she has been visiting.

Mr. Sylvester was born in New Orleans 70 years ago. He was married in Baltimore, where he was then engaged in railroad work. After coming to St. Louis he was engaged in steamboat traffic, and later took up the coal business. Sunday he visited his daughter, Mrs. George H. Block, at 502 Westminster place. His death took place at the home of his son in Kansas City, after a very short illness. His son is critically ill.

The Delineator for January.
A number of pages of the January Delineator are devoted to a description of "Parsifal," Wagner's great music-drama, which is soon to be produced at the Metropolitan Opera House, New York City. The illustrations are remarkable, as they are made from photographs never before published. W. J. Henderson's interpretation of the theme of the opera is very enlightening, and the personal reminiscences of the first performance at Bayreuth, by Gustav Kobbé, are no less interesting. Jack London, author of "The Call of the Wild," contributes a delightful story, and there is also a clever tale by Kathryn Jarboe, and the fourth installment of "The Evolution of a Club Woman," by Agnes Surbridge. Another feature is the introductory paper of "The Fountain of Youth," starring illustrated series on personal beauty. In addition there is a reliable fashion information, including a letter from Mrs. Osborn, the foremost modiste in America; house-building and house-furnishing ideas; entertaining stories and pastimes for children; and matters of interest to women of all ages.

Driver Attends Boy He Hurt.
Isaac Gorman, colored, of 211 Pine street, carried Thomas Startweather, aged 11 years, of 2323 Lawton avenue, to the Metropolitan Hospital, 2309 Lawton avenue, after the boy had been knocked down by his wagon. Thomas and the boy with whom he was playing had failed to notice the approaching wagon, and when Gorman called to them, Thomas ran into the end of the shaft in trying to escape. His injuries were pronounced a serious fracture of the skull.

Holiday Excursions.
Via Illinois Central to all points South and Southeast. Write C. C. McCarthy, D. P. A., St. Louis, Mo.

Committee to Boom Gardner.
An executive committee has been appointed by friends of William A. Gardner to shape plans for aiding his candidacy for the presidency of the Merchants' Exchange. Its members are Frank Deleau, chairman; E. D. Tilton, James P. Newell, L. B. Brinson, R. E. Gardner, Alex. H. Smith, W. G. Boyd, O. O. Ord, W. A. Diamant, F. E. Kaufmann, W. J. Smith, William T. Haaslick, Theo. Bowman and Chas. A. Cunningham, secretary. Seth D. Cobb, a former partner of Mr. Gardner, has written a letter supporting him.

"Boro-Formalin" (Elmer & Amend) used antiseptic, cleansing mouth and toothwash, is unsurpassed.

BELIEVES NEGATIVE IS POSITIVE PROOF

By means of a negative, Herman Hendricks, a photographer, living at 1905 Missouri avenue, expects to accomplish the positive identification and capture of four young men who attacked him on Twenty-second street, between Carr and Biddle streets, and robbed him of \$3.50.

Hendricks told Capt. Gaffney at the Dayton street station about five minutes after the attack that his assailants were four members of a certain club, an institution, according to the police, of the "ranger" variety. Hendricks said he knew positively

that they were members of this club because he photographed the quartet in front of the club rooms last Sunday.

After reporting the robbery Hendricks hurried home to finish the picture of the "club men," promising to bring it to the station Thursday morning.

Hendricks makes a business of traveling about the city taking photographs. He entered a saloon at Twenty-second and Biddle streets Wednesday evening, he says, after delivering a package of photographs in the neighborhood.

In the saloon he met the four members of the club. They inquired when they could see their pictures, and he replied that they would be ready in a few days.

As he walked south from the saloon, he says, the quartet seized him and took his money.

For Sore Throat, Cold in Chest or Tonsillitis. Try a 10c bottle of Omega Oil.

Smoking Jackets, Umbrellas, Etc.

Ladies' Tape Edge Taffeta Silk Umbrellas.—With large fine sterling silver, pearl or gold handles, such as are sold everywhere at \$15.00 and \$10.00 here \$7.98 and \$5.00.

Men's Silk Umbrellas.—With nice horn handle or gold handle, at \$3.00, \$2.50 and \$1.50.

Men's Turkish Bath Robes.—Full length, with large silk cord, at \$4.95 and \$3.45.

Men's White or Black Broad-clothed Silk Mufflers.—Were \$1.50, cut to \$1.00.

Men's English Squares.—Made of the finest silk; were \$1.50; cut to 89c.

Men's Heavy All-Wool Sweaters.—In the latest fancy styles; were \$5.00, cut to \$2.95.

Men's Heavy Smoking Jackets.—With fancy lining and fancy trimmed collar and pockets; were \$10.00, cut to \$5.95.

Men's Mackintosh Box Coats.—In light or dark colors; all sizes from 34 to 50; were \$10.00; cut to \$3.35.

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BURGLAR BETRAYED BY STRIKING MATCH

Although weak and exhausted from an illness lasting three months, Charles J. Trebus, 48 years old, of 4723 Hammett place, overpowered a burglar after a desperate struggle and then sent him heading down a flight of stairs.

The burglar realized that he was worsted and made a hurried exit.

Mr. Trebus' attention was attracted by someone striking a match in the hall outside his room. Slipping from his bed, he went quietly to the door. The match went out. The intruder's back was turned toward him.

Mr. Trebus sprang upon the man and administered a beating which caused his victim to plead for mercy.

As the man escaped Mr. Trebus' son Carl rushed into the hall and asked what had happened.

"Put your weapon away," his father advised; "he won't bother us any more."

Investigation showed that he had gotten away with two overcoats and a pair of spectacles.

Kenny's Christmas Picture Free.
A handsome folding screen, size 36x10 inches, illustrating the joys of Christmas. Free Saturday, Dec. 18. C. D. Kenny Co., 521 Franklin av.

Killed by Engine.
While crossing the railroad tracks near Sixteenth street, John Carr, aged 50, a car inspector employed by the Big Four Railway, was killed by a Chicago & Alton passenger engine backing into Union Station. Carr lived at 25 North Seventh street, East St. Louis, and leaves a widow and children.

Surrendered After All-Night Siege.
RIVERHEAD, L. I., Dec. 17.—Tutbill Reeve, the demoted farmer who yesterday shot and killed William H. Rafford, a deputy sheriff and warden of the county jail, while the latter was trying to serve an execution for debt, surrendered today to Sheriff Preston after an all-night siege. Although Reeve had fired a number of shots from the house in which he was barricaded, none of the besiegers was wounded. Reeve was wounded by the fire of the posse which had surrounded his house. It was found after Reeve had given himself up, that he had been shot in several places, but his wounds are said to be not of a serious character. Reeve has been in the upper part of the house all night, but descended to the kitchen some after daylight. A cordon had been drawn by the sheriff around the house yesterday afternoon by the sheriff and his posse, and this was maintained during the night. The besiegers planned to freeze the man der out and with this in view the windows of the house were riddled with bullets and showers of stones. It was a bitterly cold night and it was hoped that Reeve would succumb to the severity of the weather and give himself up. As it turned out, however, he did not surrender until he had received several wounds.

DO YOU KNOW
All the merchants advertise "ready-to-wear" Bargains in the POST-DISPATCH every FRIDAY.

FAREWELL TO THIS CITY

THE MEYER STORE

COR. BROADWAY & WASHINGTON.
WILL BE OUT OF BUSINESS IN A FEW DAYS!

TONS OF HOLIDAY GOODS SELLING AT ANY PRICE! NO SALE LIKE THIS!

EVERYTHING THIS BIG DEPARTMENT STORE CARRIES GOING FOR ALMOST ANY PRICE! CROWDED TO THE DOORS EVERY DAY! SEE FOR YOURSELF!

A Great Table at 25c

Blankets
CUT IN TWO!
Blankets—White, gray and tan; were \$2.00; cut to 95c.
Blankets—White, gray and tan; were \$1.39; cut to \$1.39.
California Blankets—In gray and tan; were \$2.75; cut to \$2.75.
California Blankets—In gray and tan; that were \$3.95; cut to \$3.95.
Fine Satine Bed Comforts—Were \$3.00; cut to \$1.88.

SHOES.
At 3 a. m. we place on sale 300 pairs of Boys' Leather Leggings, worth every cent of \$1.50—while they last, choice... 75c.
W. L. Douglas Patent Leather Lace Shoes—cut to \$1.98.
Ladies' High and Low Shoes—With military and French heels, in patent leather and vict kid; cut to \$1.98.
Ladies' Comfortable House Slippers—With felt and leather soles; cut to 43c.
Boys' and Youths' Vici Kid Heavy Sole Lace Shoes; cut to 98c.
Men's Chocolate and Black Slippers—In opera and Everett cut; cut to \$1.00.
Ladies' Strap Slippers—With buckle and strap; French heels; cut to 79c.

CELLULOID XMAS ARTICLES.
Ebony Toilet Set—With sterling silver mounting; cut to \$3.00.
Musical Albums—Full size; that were \$5.00; cut to \$2.98.
Gents' Toilet Set—Consisting of military brush set, clothes brush and comb, in ebony, finished with sterling silver mounting; were \$6.00; cut to \$3.25.
Work Boxes—That were \$1.00; cut to 98c.
Shaving Kits—Were \$5.00; cut to \$2.50.

RUGS.
USEFUL XMAS GIFTS AT ONE-THIRD REGULAR PRICES.
Burmese Room Rugs—Size 9 x12 feet; were \$35.00; cut to \$12.50.
Wilton Velvet Room Rugs—Size 9x12 ft.; were \$40.00; cut to \$18.50.

MUSIC AT 19c TWO-STEPS.
Bells of the Philippines, Honey Girl, King Cupid, Arrival of the Gecks, Kangaroo Hop, Jolly General, Sunrise in Georgia.
WALTZES.
Peggy O'Neil, Under the Rose, Sweetheart's Time.
SONGS.
Bedelia, Lips, Under a Panama, Down on the Farm, Somebody's Somebody, Show the White of To Eye, It Was the Dutch.

LADIES' ELEGANT FURS, COATS, ETC.
Ladies' Military, West Point and Corset Fitting Coats, elegantly lined throughout with Skinner Satin, strictly man-tailored, the nobbiest and most up-to-date goods of the season, were \$20.00—cut to \$9.95.
Ladies' Military, fitted and loose back Coats, ¾ lengths, each one a novelty, best of tailoring, elegantly lined and trimmed, were \$30.00—cut to \$14.95.
Fur Scarfs, extra lengths, in Hudson Bay Sable, Mole skin, Siberian Squirrel and Isabella Fox, were \$35.00, cut to \$19.95.
Scarfs that were \$5.00, cut to \$1.98.
Scarfs that were \$6.00, cut to \$2.49.
Scarfs that were \$8.00, cut to \$3.95.
Scarfs that were \$10.00, cut to \$4.95.
Scarfs that were \$12.00, cut to \$5.95.
Golf Capes and Ladies' Reefers, were \$6.00, cut to \$1.49.
Ladies' Box Back Coats, were \$7.00, cut to \$2.98.
Ladies' Lined Cloth Coats, were \$8, cut to \$4.95.
Ladies' all-wool Kersey Coats, with Military cape, brass buttons, 27 inch or ¾ length, were \$15.00, cut to \$7.95.

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Fine Satine Bed Comforts—Were \$3.00; cut to \$1.88.

BED SHEETS
AT 25c
Unbleached Bed Sheets—Full size; were 50c; cut to 25c.
Unbleached 10-4 Sheet—Was 28c; cut to 19c.
Apron Gingham—Were 65c; cut to 4c.
Red Table Damask—27c.
Pure Linen Bed Sheets—90x90; were \$3.00; cut to \$1.98.
Scotch Dress Flannels—Were 18c; cut to 8c.
Hemstitched Pillow Cases—Were 20c; cut to 10c.

RICHARDSON SKIN SILK CUT TO 10c.
Pearl Buttons—Were 5c per doz.; cut to 1c.
Hump Hook and Eye—Were 10c card; cut to 5c.
Wire Hair Pins—Were 5c package; cut to 1c.
Imported Clothes Brushes—cut to 10c.
Velveteen Skirt Binding—Was 10c yard; cut to 2c.
Witch Hazel Soap—Was 5c cake; cut to 1c.
Talcum Powder—Was 10c can; cut to 2c.
Fancy Filled Garter Elastic—Was 15c yard; cut to 5c.

KID GLOVES!
TERRIFIC CUTS.
Kid Gloves—Undressed or dressed, French Kid, all shades; were \$1.50; cut to 75c.
All our \$2.00 Kid Gloves cut to \$1.00.
White Mousetails—1-4 length; best French Kid; were \$2.00; cut to 99c.

LADIES' NECKWEAR!
Stocks—With long tabs, choice selection of over 50 styles; were 75c; cut to 35c.
Lace Collars—The \$1.00 kind; cut to 55c.
Beautiful assortment of fine Drawn Work and Hand-made Stocks; were \$2.50; cut to \$1.50, \$1.00 and 75c.

FANS
FOR LESS THAN HALF PRICE.
All 75c and \$1.00 fans cut to 39c.
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Fine Lace Fans—With ivory or pearl sticks; formerly \$25.00; now \$10.00, \$7.50 and \$5.00.
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Leather Xmas Novelties
Satin Lined Music Rolls, that were \$2.00, cut to 98c.
Imported Cigar Cases, were \$2.99, cut to \$1.00.
Alligator Leather Hand Furses, sterling mounted, were \$2.50, cut to \$1.25.
Wrist Bags, with card case, pure and perfume bottle, black and gray, were \$2.50, cut to \$2.00.
Memo Books, with World's Fair views, were 35c.
75c, cut to 10c.
Leather Belts, in black and colors, were 75c, cut to 25c.

DOLLS!!
A \$10,000 STOCK TO BE SOLD FOR ANY PRICE!
Dolls that were 12c, 25c, cut to 12c.
Dolls that were 25c, 75c, cut to 25c.
Dolls that were 50c, \$1.50, cut to 50c.
Dolls that were \$1.00, \$3.00, cut to \$1.00.

TOQUES, TAMS, ETC.
Girls' Tapa O'Shanter, were 50c, cut to 28c.
Girls' All-Wool Stocking Toques, were 75c, cut to 38c.
Men's Stocking Soft Hats—were \$1.50, cut to \$2.23.

CLOTHING FOR BOYS AND MEN.
Prices for Friday That You Can't Match Elsewhere.
Boys' Winter Suits, Also Overcoats, durable fabrics that formerly brought \$2.50, Friday... 99c.
Boys' Suits, also Overcoats, plain and fancy mixture chevrons. They always sold for \$2.50, Choice Friday... \$1.94.
Boys' Elegant Suits and Overcoats, the very finest imported cassimeres, plain and fancy designs; they positively sold for \$2.50, Friday... \$3.67.
Boys' Knee Pants, excellent quality cassimeres; they were 75c—Friday... 25c.
Men's Suits and Overcoats, heavy, warm garments that were \$10.00, Friday... \$6.35.
Men's Handsome Suits and Overcoats—Plain and nobbiest mixtures, that formerly sold at \$15.00, Friday... \$9.75.
Men's Pants—Very durable, cassimeres and chevrons; they were \$3.00; Friday... \$1.32.

XMAS Handkerchiefs!
Ladies' Pure Linen Hemstitched Fine Thread Initial Handkerchiefs, were 35c; cut to 10c.
Gents' Pure Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs—were 25c; cut to 10c.
BOXES FIVE with each Half Dozen.

JEWELRY!
Men's Cuff Links and Tie Holders, warranted rolled plate, were \$2.50, 59c.
Ammon Diamond Brooches, in various styles, were 75c, cut to 25c.
Jeweled Hat Pins, were 50c, cut to 10c.
Silk Fobs, with jeweled lockets, were \$1.50, cut to 75c.

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Full size, with yoke of hemstitched tucks, cut to 29c.
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Long or short, were up to \$3.00—cut to \$1.25.

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Girls' All-Wool Stocking Toques, were 75c, cut to 38c.
Men's Stocking Soft Hats—were \$1.50, cut to \$2.23.

CLOTHING FOR BOYS AND MEN.
Prices for Friday That You Can't Match Elsewhere.
Boys' Winter Suits, Also Overcoats, durable fabrics that formerly brought \$2.50, Friday... 99c.
Boys' Suits, also Overcoats, plain and fancy mixture chevrons. They always sold for \$2.50, Choice Friday... \$1.94.
Boys' Elegant Suits and Overcoats, the very finest imported cassimeres, plain and fancy designs; they positively sold for \$2.50, Friday... \$3.67.
Boys' Knee Pants, excellent quality cassimeres; they were 75c—Friday... 25c.
Men's Suits and Overcoats, heavy, warm garments that were \$10.00, Friday... \$6.35.
Men's Handsome Suits and Overcoats—Plain and nobbiest mixtures, that formerly sold at \$15.00, Friday... \$9.75.
Men's Pants—Very durable, cassimeres and chevrons; they were \$3.00; Friday... \$1.32.

XMAS Handkerchiefs!
Ladies' Pure Linen Hemstitched Fine Thread Initial Handkerchiefs, were 35c; cut to 10c.
Gents' Pure Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs—were 25c; cut to 10c.
BOXES FIVE with each Half Dozen.

JEWELRY!
Men's Cuff Links and Tie Holders, warranted rolled plate, were \$2.50, 59c.
Ammon Diamond Brooches, in various styles, were 75c, cut to 25c.
Jeweled Hat Pins, were 50c, cut to 10c.
Silk Fobs, with jeweled lockets, were \$1.50, cut to 75c.

MUSIC AT 19c TWO-STEPS.
Bells of the Philippines, Honey Girl, King Cupid, Arrival of the Gecks, Kangaroo Hop, Jolly General, Sunrise in Georgia.
WALTZES.
Peggy O'Neil, Under the Rose, Sweetheart's Time.
SONGS.
Bedelia, Lips, Under a Panama, Down on the Farm, Somebody's Somebody, Show the White of To Eye, It Was the Dutch.

LADIES' GOWNS.
Full size, with yoke of hemstitched tucks, cut to 29c.
INFANTS' CLOAKS.

This five-column announcement contains the smallest part of The May System of imperative sacrificing. For every one item herein mentioned, there are a hundred to be found in this great store, during this truly great sale.

NEW PUZZLES AND CUT-OUTS FOR THE YOUNG FOLKS

THE POST-DISPATCH DAILY STORY

Wing Shee, the Suicide.

Wing Shee the Poor Loved Yo King and Would Marry Her. But Fang Ho the Rich Also Loved Her. He Demanded Her Hand and Ordered Wing Shee to China and the Tong. When Wing Shee Refused He Was Frightened Until He Committed Suicide, Then Things Happened.

BY WM. HAMILTON OSBORNE.
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ALL HIS life had Wing Shee been happy; little Wing Shee, of the 20-odd years—all his life until now. He was sure, there had been no reason why he should not be happy. For ever since the time when he had left the Street of the Seven Waxen Fuchias he had been successful, as the world goes. He had been good; he had prayed to all his gods with his little spit-ball prayers with all his might. Especially had he shown his intense devotion to that great American god, the Dol-Lar. So he had prospered. But he had prospered, to this time, alone—he and his collars and cuffs and his flat iron, and his sign that had Wing Shee, Laundry, on it, and swung fitfully with the passing breeze.

But now, the great god of Unrest was at him, night and day. And no wonder. For the diminutive Yo King had arrived. When or how he knew not. But there she was, Yo King, laughing and nodding at him with sheer good nature from a window just across the way. Wing Shee, it is true, had never seen Yo King before; nor had she seen him—but Wing Shee knew that she time had come. He had seen many beautiful women, both in the old Street of the Seven Waxen Fuchias, and upon the thoroughfare of the marvelous Broad Way, but never had he seen angel like Yo King. He smiled at her and waved his hand and showed his teeth.

It was love at first sight; Wing Shee knew it, and so did Yo King. They met and gabbled, each in a coy, embarrassed way—and then they made their little vows, and had told each other that the world was as bright as though 12 great suns were shining all at once. They little knew.

For Wing Shee was not the only one of his kind who had seen the little Yo King

and caught the glamor of her eye. If Yo King had had her own way there would have been no glamor in her eye save when Wing Shee looked on, but the gods had made her beautiful and—there, were other of her countrymen who recognized that fact.

One of these was Big Fang Ho, he of the tea store and the big yellow teeth. He was rich and powerful—he was a bachelor. He took Yo King's old guardian out to the Chinese chophouse and filled him up with good things to eat, and with rice wine to drink, and told him that he, Fang Ho, must marry Yo King. Yo King's uncle a kindly but weak old man, nodded his head and blinked his eyes and agreed that it must be so.

But Yo King would not have it so. In a moment when the gods had ceased to favor her she told the reason why—she loved Wing Shee. Fang Ho heard of this, and nodded darkly. He had a way to fix all that.

Behind Fang Ho was the Big Six Tong. It was the Big Six Tong that served on Wing Shee, one morning, its terrible summons—a summons that must be obeyed. This summons held this message: "Go to San Francisco, to the council of the Tong, or go back to China. Or, die. This do, at once."

Wing Shee knew too well what it all meant. He groaned aloud. Then he began to plan. He wondered if he could get the little Yo King and steal away with her in the darkness. He dared not go near her in the light. He tried to make some sign. But it was no use. He must flee until it was safe to come back. He went.

He crept aboard a ferry boat; once upon it he watched all who came aboard. He was sure he was safe. The boat pulled out and as it reached the middle of the stream two dark figures sprang up from a corner—it was night—and approached Wing Shee. Wing Shee trembled. He knew who these were—Fang Ho and Wou Sing, another member of the Tong.

"Where bound for?" asked Fang Ho. "San Francisco," answered Wing Shee. "No," said Fang Ho, "you lie."

"Yeh," responded Wing Shee, "to China." "No," hissed Fang Ho; "eat this." It was a small round pellet. Wing Shee trembled, but he took it. Up to this time he had had hope. But now hope forsook him. He knew that he could not escape. The eye of Fang Ho—of the Big Six Tong, was upon him.

"Swallow it," commanded Fang Ho. He obeyed, and then, without warning, little Wing Shee, with a despairing wail, sprang away from the two men, leaped upon the taffrail, and jumped into the great black

water underneath the boat. Then there was a commotion. Other men, one here and one there, had seen the leap. Fang Ho and Wou Sing crept inside a cabin and took a seat. They were undisturbed. The people outside shouted.

When the ferry people handed to the hospital surgeon the wet, limp form of Wing Shee the surgeon laughed. "Suicide, eh," he said; "queer thing. He's the first chink who ever tried it in this country. At least to my knowledge. And he won't die. We'll pull him around."

They did pull him around. In an hour Wing Shee had revived. But he was so unnerved that they had to keep him at the hospital for awhile. They said they would let him go in the morning. He nodded somewhat drowsily. "All right," he said. He fell asleep. Did Wing Shee, and woke from time to time, with starts and twitches. It may have been because he thought the Big Six Tong was at his heels.

In the morning he was dead. "My George," said the surgeon, "he holds the record. He's the only Chinese suicide all right, over here." In due time they bundled Wing Shee into a pine box, and it so happened that the god of Unrest, in the shape of a few drinks, presided over the man who screwed down the lid, to such an extent that he did not screw it down. Off drove the cart and Wing Shee's bones rattled so much inside of the box that suddenly, from being dead, he came to life.

The deadening effect of that pill had worn away. Wing Shee, much to his surprise, found himself much cramped. He pushed and the lid fell off. He sat up and looked about. He was traveling through a lonely street. The driver had his eye upon a far distant saloon. Wing Shee put one leg over the side of the box, then another; then he cautiously and stiffly jumped to the street below and disappeared.

Over in New York the yellow journals were telling about the "ONLY CHINESE SUICIDE. WING SHEE JUMPS TO CERTAIN DEATH." For the report of his demise had gone out from the hospital.

One evening about dusk the great Fang Ho was gliding down the street toward the home of little Yo King. He placed his hand upon the doorknob, when suddenly out of the gloom, a weird figure stepped and placed his hand upon Fang Ho's arm. Fang Ho gave one look and then fled shrieking up the street once more.

"Hi! hi!" he yelled, shaking in apprehension, "ki yi hi!" He had seen a ghost—the ghost of the young Wing Shee. The ghost of Wing Shee was not disturbed; it laughed gently in its Oriental way and then stepped into Yo King's home. Inside was the sound of weeping. It was the diminutive Yo King mourning for the death of the young Wing Shee. Wing Shee looked into a room. She was alone. He glided in, placed a very material arm about her head and kissed her. She was a startled glance and would have cried out but for the fact that Wing Shee was stuffing a paper napkin in her mouth.

"Come, little Yo King," he whispered, "I'm alive and not dead. Come—come with me." And they disappeared into the night.

HIS CALL.

He'd been a faithful pastor
For many, many years,
He'd served the people faithfully,
Mid smiling and mid tears.

But now his gospel sermons
Were hardly up to date,
They were, indeed, old-fashioned,
Dogmatic, not ornate.

So they worked him out quite skillfully
And sent the bulk adrift
Because they wanted rhetoric
And something that was swift.

Then he wandered, round distractedly,
As poor as a church mouse,
And couldn't get a pulpit
In any sacred house.

There was no call for him at all,
His past work bore no leaven,
And so he drifted round about
Till he was called to heaven.

—Boston Budget.

STRICTLY IMPARTIAL.

"We have come," said the spokesman of the delegation, "to urge the claims of the city we represent for the honor of entertaining our national party convention next year. We are prepared to offer any financial guaranty that may be demanded. May I ask what other requirements will be insisted upon—also whether your committee has or has not already decided upon a location for the convention?"

"Gentlemen," replied the member of the national committee, nervously glancing at his notes, "we have not yet decided on any city. In this matter we shall be absolutely impartial. We have merely agreed that the place where we will hold the convention next year must be centrally located, as between the East and West, that it must be a large city, with abundant hotel facilities, a large convention hall or building, that its geographical location must be such as will commend its climate in summer, that it must be above all things, accessible by all the trunk lines, and located, preferably, on or near one of the great lakes. These are the things we shall insist upon, gentlemen, but as to the claims of the respective cities we shall maintain an attitude of strict impartiality."

It was this reply which, as will be seen, was rigidly noncommittal, that gave rise in advance to the report that Chicago had been selected as the location of one of next year's national political conventions.

LIFE'S TROUBLES.

At 8 a. m. Mrs. Ferguson went to the foot of the stairway and called out:

"What do you want?" came the sleepy response from an upper room.

"There's a nearly a foot of snow on the sidewalk, and somebody's got to—"

"For heaven's sake, Laura," broke in the angry voice of Mr. Ferguson, "hasn't he waked me up from a blissful dream of summer to tell me about about a dad-ding-ding snow storm!"

POOR DRUGGIST AGAIN.

Mrs. Stubbs: I think that druggist is horrid.

Mr. Stubbs: Why so, Maria? He left three urgent prescriptions to give you a stamp.

Mrs. Stubbs: Yes, but he didn't say "Thanks."

VERY RARE

"Remus," said Chloe, "Ah saw some self-rainin' buckwheat down at de stohe."

"Dat's nothin'," grumbled Remus, who had ten dependent offerings. "Wid Ah want to see in some self-rainin' children."



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MECHANICAL STEAM-WORKING TOYS.

A display that stands without an equal in all St. Louis! Perfect working models of locomotives and stationary engines operated by steam—as well as hundreds of other imported novelties that will delight the children.

Horizontal Engines—Perfect steam-working models, with factory engine—has steam whistle and safety valves—fine toy. Others up to \$5.00. **\$4.00**

Upright Steam Engines—Like cut—perfect steam-working models, with steam whistle and safety valve. Others up to \$15.00. **75c**

Magic Lanterns—Like cut—a splendid article—complete with 48 choice views—greatest value on record at \$10.00. **75c**

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Clock-Working Automobiles—The latest at... **\$10.00**
Attachments for stationary engines—sawing machines, lathes, grinders, pumps, etc.—as low as... **25c**

Steam and Clock-Working Boats—The latest at... **\$12.00**
Others as low as 75c.

Magic Lanterns and Moving Pictures—Picture Machines Combined—An elegant imported toy, showing pictures in life motion—complete with moving picture films and lantern slides. **\$5.00**

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Complete Outfit, Like Cut, for... **\$1.49**

Complete Pyrography Outfit—Like cut—consisting of curved point, tubing, bellows, lamp and bottle, work boxes, instructions—the best outfit ever offered at this price—special. **\$1.49**

Stamped White Wood Cabinet Picture Frames, for burning, complete with glass and steel back—special. **19c**

Dutch Figures in assorted styles, stamped on white wood for burning—special at... **19c**

Skins for Burning, all colors, a fine line—special. **99c**

White Wood for Burning—Boxes, frames, squares, work boxes, panels, pipe racks, nut bowls, necktie racks, etc.

OPERA GLASSES, Like Cut, \$5.00

Made of the finest selected pearl, heavy gold-plated and hand-burnished tubes—high-grade, powerful lenses, perfectly achromatic, complete, in fine case, worth \$8.50—special at Aloe's for... **\$5.00**

Opera Glasses—Covered with finest leather, black enamel frame, highest power achromatic lenses—Aloe's Special. **\$2.50**

Opera Glasses With Handles—Oriental or white pearl Opera Glasses, with handles to match—rich, fire-gilt trimming—fine lenses—special. **\$8.00**

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Shell Lognettes... **\$4.00**
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St. Louisans speak as with one mighty voice in praise of the Post-Dispatch's great Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Edition published last Sunday. Here is a symposium of interviews representing the opinions of educators, many clergymen, the bench and bar, merchants and financiers, in which the now famous edition is discussed from many viewpoints.

EDUCATORS.

PROF. F. LOUIS SOLDAN, superintendent of instruction, St. Louis public schools—"The twenty-fifth anniversary edition of the Post-Dispatch was the most wonderful achievement in journalism that I have ever seen. It was 100 pages of modern culture and modern light, without a jarling note. The impression that I got of it was that it was an edition of refinement and force. The whole tone was of cultivation and the perfection of achievement. The production, while colossal, was not gross in any part. The illustrations were magnificent—they were marvels in a paper of such great size. Such a work has great educational value. Back of the stupendous result, one must realize, there was much of strength, effort and boldness in the gigantic task of preparation. Back of each picture, each article, each printed page, was a great work of planning and execution. The amount of thought, of design, of work, and the broadness of the scope of artistic ideas manifested in the finished production, impressed me as something gigantic."

W. S. CHAPLIN, chancellor of Washington University: "I do not hesitate to say that the anniversary number of the Post-Dispatch was the greatest edition of a newspaper that I ever saw. It was a wonderful production. I was impressed with the fullness and completeness of it, with its value in its treatment of matters of St. Louis history, with its evidence of the gigantic growth of itself and of St. Louis. It was, indeed, a creditable production in every way."

PROF. EDWARD F. JACKSON, principal of Smith Academy: "I congratulate the Post-Dispatch both on the prosperity it has enjoyed in the past 25 years, and also upon the complete success of the big anniversary edition which marks the completion of the period. I was impressed with the diversity of the subjects treated and considered. The scope of the paper was broad enough to embrace a great deal of interest to all classes of readers. I was impressed with the thoroughness with which each detail—even the smallest—was attended to; the thoroughness of treatment of even the smallest of the many articles that were given and illustrated. The illustrations were superior to anything I ever saw attempted on so large a scale. The volume of pictures was great, and the beauty of the picture work was impressive. I was also greatly impressed with the scarcity of the papers. I understand that 25,000 of them were printed, but I can't get enough of them. I want to send several of them to my friends out of town, but they do not seem to be available."

PROF. HALSEY C. IVES, director of fine arts, World's Fair: "The great twenty-fifth anniversary edition of the Post-Dispatch impressed me with respect for the enterprise and energy of those who produced it. I had in mind as I turned its pages the Post-Dispatch of 15 years ago, at the time of its tenth anniversary; and the contrast between the two editions was distinctive of the great growth of St. Louis and the Post-Dispatch in that time. The advance has been stupendous; the push and energy back of such a growth are wonderful."

OF THE FEATURES OF THE BIG EDITION THAT MOST IMPRESSED ME, I WOULD SPEAK OF THE "DREAM" OF THE ST. LOUIS OF THE FUTURE. I DO NOT CONSIDER THAT THE "DREAM" WAS WILD OR EVEN EXTRAVAGANT. STRANGER THINGS HAVE HAPPENED THAN THAT THE ST. LOUIS OF 1928 SHOULD BE AS THE ARTIST DREAMED IT MAY BE. BUDAPEST, FOR INSTANCE, HAS ATTAINED SUCH HEIGHTS, AND UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES GREATLY SIMILAR. I CONSIDER THAT IT IS NOT ONLY POSSIBLE, BUT PRACTICAL, TO MAKE OF OUR RIVER FRONT A CHARMING FEATURE OF THE CITY, WITH GREAT DRIVEWAYS AND PARK-LIKE BOULEVARDS CONVERGING TOWARD IT. IT HAS BEEN DONE IN BUDAPEST; IT CAN BE DONE IN ST. LOUIS. I HAD HOPED THAT THE POST-DISPATCH, IN THIS ANNIVERSARY NUMBER, WOULD TAKE UP THAT VERY IDEA; I AM GLAD THAT IT DID SO, AND THAT THE RESULTS WERE SO SATISFACTORY. SUCH THINGS ARE HIGHLY EDUCATIONAL, AND THE REALIZATION OF THE "DREAM" BECOMES LESS DIFFICULT THROUGH ITS PRESENTATION IN SUCH AN ATTRACTIVE MANNER."

PROF. C. M. WOODWARD, president of the board of education: "I thought I had a full appreciation of the capacity of the Post-Dispatch before Sunday; but I must admit that I was surprised that you could issue such a mammoth edition as your twenty-fifth anniversary number. It was fine, and I congratulate the makers of it. The versatility of the issue—the grasp of it—the carefulness with which the tastes of every class of readers was understood and satisfied—interested me most. The value of the edition and the influence it will have cannot be overestimated. I repeat my congratulations. It was a great thing—a great feat."

BUSINESS MEN

L. D. KINGSLAND, president St. Louis Manufacturers' Association: "The anniversary edition of the Post-Dispatch was simply grand. It proves that the 'dream' will not be a dream when the time set for fulfillment comes. St. Louis is going ahead, thanks to the Post-Dispatch and other pushers of St. Louis, the Post-Dispatch chiefly. The progress to fulfill the dream of the future as presented in the anniversary number would be no more remarkable than the progress illustrated by the first and anniversary editions of the Post-Dispatch. Go on with the good work."

C. F. WALBRIDGE, president Business Men's League: "The anniversary number of the Post-Dispatch was very successful. The business features of the anniversary number of the Post-Dispatch were not only as showing the progress made by the Post-Dispatch and by St. Louis. It will help boom St. Louis before the eyes of the country. The paper was too evenly balanced for me to select features."

C. E. GRONE, president of the North East Citizens' Association: "The Post-Dispatch anniversary number was simply immense. I had been somewhat doubtful as to a newspaper weighing two pounds, so one of the first things I did was to place it on the scales. The weight was there, found the reading matter was not notable for its heaviness, but for its effectiveness. I knew Mr. Pulitzer well, and have been interested in the advance of his paper. I have watched the Post-Dispatch grow from a friend. I say hats off to Mr. Pulitzer and what he and his paper have done for St. Louis. The good work of the anniversary number will be going on for a long time."

TAYLOR SMITH, secretary of the Carondelet Business Men's Association: "The business features of the anniversary number of the Post-Dispatch impressed me most. Such immense advertising as it carried about business, and the standing of the paper that printed it. I have spoken of the business features, but I did not fall to appreciate the literary features. They were in keeping."

OSCAR R. FRILES, president of the South Broadway Merchants' Association: "On every side one hears commendation of the anniversary number. We of business associations know that the Post-Dispatch is the ideal paper. That it looks the good of St. Louis. The anniversary number said many excellent things of St. Louis, and I am sure that it will be a source of pride to all of us who have been looking forward to it. I have heard it much discussed since I returned to the city, as I was absent Sunday."

BENCH AND BAR

JUDGE DANIEL G. TAYLOR, criminal division of the circuit court: "The most conspicuous thing about the anniversary issue of the Post-Dispatch is the evidence of great labor in preparation. The independent attitude of the paper from its infancy has won the confidence of the public."

JUDGE WILLIAM C. HOOK, United States Circuit Court of Appeals, residence Leavenworth, Kan.: "The anniversary edition of the Post-Dispatch is a remarkable production. It is a paper of high quality and certainly surpassed anything I have ever seen. It was not only voluminous—it was excellent as to quality. There is a system and symmetry in it, so often lacking in large editions."

JUDGE HIRSH N. MOORE, court of criminal correction: "The anniversary edition of the Post-Dispatch is a remarkable production. It is a paper of high quality and certainly surpassed anything I have ever seen. It was not only voluminous—it was excellent as to quality. There is a system and symmetry in it, so often lacking in large editions."

JUDGE WALTER S. SANDORF, United States Circuit Court of Appeals, residence St. Paul, Minn.: "The anniversary number of the Post-Dispatch is a remarkable production. It is a paper of high quality and certainly surpassed anything I have ever seen. It was not only voluminous—it was excellent as to quality. There is a system and symmetry in it, so often lacking in large editions."

JUDGE JOHN A. BLEVEN, Division 7: "Despite the fact that I make Sunday a day of relaxation and rest, I cannot deny that I was delighted with the anniversary number of the Post-Dispatch. It was a paper of high quality and certainly surpassed anything I have ever seen. It was not only voluminous—it was excellent as to quality. There is a system and symmetry in it, so often lacking in large editions."

AS THE HIGH-WATER MARK OF JOURNALISM,

East or West, I believe it will stand unsurpassed for many years."

CIRCUIT JUDGE MOSES N. SALE, Division 2: "See it? I don't see how any one could escape it. The most remarkable feature to my mind is that the Post-Dispatch issued the anniversary number without suspending its daily issue. The excellent manner in which the double burden was carried and delivered ought to be a good object lesson for other publications. But I don't expect to see the feat surpassed during my life."

J. D. DALTON, assistant prosecuting attorney: "There is no greater evidence of the advancement and progress of the times than is shown by the growth of our newspaper world, which embraces all the other interests of men, the new ultra newspaper terms, news department, art in getting up and display in advertising. It is a credit to any city and an ornament at this time to the World's Fair city. Its fearless advocacy of right and justice, its denunciation of wrong and prejudice, justly make it a great power for good in the community."

MINISTERS

REV. W. W. BOYD, D. D., pastor of the Second Baptist Church: "The anniversary number of the Post-Dispatch was an unquestioned masterpiece of journalism. It was beyond all doubt the greatest newspaper ever published. Great in size and correspondingly good in the quality of its content."

"GREAT OUTCOME FROM SMALL BEGINNING"

Cleveland's Attorney-General, Judson Harmon, Compliments the Proprietor of the Post-Dispatch on His Ideals and His Success.

St. Paul Building, No. 111 E. Fourth St. CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 15, 1903.

Dear Mr. Pulitzer:

A journalist friend of mine has presented me with a copy of the quarterly edition of the Post-Dispatch, as a specimen of newspaper art and enterprise and an example of great outcome from small beginning.

He should also give me a copy of the paper as it was when you bought it, in 1878, for the small price which, no doubt, was all it was worth. I should then not have merely a distant recollection to contrast with the Post-Dispatch of today, but the object lesson would be complete.

You have certainly won the right to the satisfaction you must feel at the result of your work with brain and pen; and I am sure your fellow citizens everywhere are glad, as I am, that you have been spared to reap as well as to sow.

I know, too, that you realize the responsibility which follows from the possession and control of such a powerful force as you have created to spread information and direct thought in a land whose greatest need is wholesome knowledge and clear and fearless thinking. When the American people know and consider they never go wrong. Very sincerely yours,

Judson Harmon

I have ever seen, and I believe that it far surpasses even eastern efforts in the journalistic field. It is too good a paper to be Democratic, but it portrays in a most impressive manner the progress and enlightenment of the age. Its description of the great metropolis of the West is magnificent, and coming as it does just prior to the greatest exposition of the world's progress and enterprise, that will be given perhaps for 50 years to come, it will attract widespread attention. I cannot say too much for this magnificent enterprise on the part of the management of the paper. Few papers, if any, have ever been issued to contain so many pages, with such magnificent cuts. It is the climax of the world's journalistic progress."

REV. JAMES W. LEE, D. D., pastor of St. John's Methodist Church: "I am thoroughly enthusiastic over the anniversary number of the Post-Dispatch. I have followed the Post-Dispatch ever since my arrival in St. Louis eleven years ago. It has always been a fearless and independent champion of the public good and I feel almost a personal pride in its success. That anniversary number will undoubtedly be a landmark of journalism. Genius and boldness with which it was carried out was nothing short of marvelous. The contributions were excellent, and the mechanical part of it is to a layman wonderful. It was magnificent. To participate on it would be to fill a volume."

REV. SAMUEL J. NICOLS, D. D., pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church: "I have followed the Post-Dispatch from its beginning, 25 years ago, and I can only wonder at the marvelous advance which it has made. It is a paper of high quality and certainly surpassed anything I have ever seen. It was not only voluminous—it was excellent as to quality. There is a system and symmetry in it, so often lacking in large editions."

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Wires From Many Cities Convey Warm Words of Congratulation From Men of Experience in the Promotion of Great Enterprises.

LAST CONFEDERATE MAJOR-GENERAL SENDS COMPLIMENTS

Experts in Advertising Review the Great Number Which Broke the Records in Size and in Business Volume.

the same as those upon which our government was originally founded, and to which we owe our country's marvelous growth and development. They are the same that made a republic possible, and without which a real republic is impossible. They are the ideas of a true, genuine, real democracy. They are the principles of true local self-government. They are the doctrines of harmony, home rule and revenue reform."

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

H. L. REMMEL, chairman of the Republican State Central Committee, former collector of United States Internal Revenue for Arkansas and twice candidate for governor on the Republican ticket: "The mammoth edition of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch issued last Sunday was the finest newspaper I have ever seen, and I shall treasure my copy beyond price. Before I finish with it I intend to read every article from the first page to the last, for it is all interesting, entertaining and instructive. As a sample of the progressiveness of the paper this issue upon its silver anniversary is the best indication of the great improvements which have been made in its plant and mode of issuing the paper. It has had a wonderful growth. The page after page of detailed write-up of the World's Fair furnish instructive reading. Taken as a whole, the issue was incomparable."

WARREN E. LENOX, mayor of Little Rock and president of the People's Savings Bank: "I had heard much of this issue of the Post-Dispatch and secured a copy early Sunday morning. I was greatly surprised at the size of the paper, with its 180 pages, and the high class of the reading matter contained in it. The edition was a notable milestone in the career of that excellent journal, and I trust that she will have grown as much more when she celebrates her golden anniversary. I was especially interested in the statements from the different mayors of St. Louis on what helped the Post-Dispatch had been to them."

MARKS AN ERA.

John M. Beall, A. G. P. A. M. & O. R. R. writes: "You twenty-fifth birthday marks an era in the newspaper and advertising field." **Signmund Baer** of the Grand Leader says: "The Post-Dispatch's twenty-fifth anniversary is, in my opinion, the most wonderful edition ever printed. I congratulate you."

Christmas Gifts

Useful, Durable, Beautiful.

The illustrations show our new Florida pattern Heavy Silver Plated and reinforced on wearing parts, in the new dull finish, with rich relief work. Handsomest patterns ever made in silver-plated wares.

Tea Spoons to match, per set of 6	\$2.00
Dessert Spoons to match, " "	\$2.50
Table Spoons to match, " "	\$4.00
A. D. Coffee Spoons, " "	\$1.75
Orange Spoons, " "	\$2.25
Ice Cream Spoons, " "	\$2.25
Oyster Forks, " "	\$2.25
Individual Salad Forks, " "	\$2.25
Individual Butter Spreaders, " "	\$2.00
Individual Fruit Knives, " "	\$4.75
Berry Spoon, large size, Each	\$1.50
Gravy Ladle, Each	\$1.25
Soup Ladle, Each	\$2.00
Pie Knife, Each	\$2.00
Cold Meat Forks, Each	\$1.00
Salad Serving Fork, Each	\$1.75
Salad Serving Spoon, Each	\$1.75
Fish Serving Knife, Each	\$2.00
Fish Serving Fork, Each	\$1.75
Butter Knife, Each	\$1.00
Sugar Spoon, Each	50c

Also other plated wares as follows:
Silver-Plated Solid Steel Knives, per set of 6, \$2.75
Silver-Plated Hollow Steel Handle Knives, per set of 6, \$2.75
Silver-Plated Hollow Nickel Handle Knives, per set of 6, \$2.75
Silver-Plated Fancy Hollow Handle Knives, per set of 6, \$2.75
Other Patterns, per set of 6, \$2.75 to \$7.50
Tortoise Knives, Silver Plated, \$2.50
per set of 6, \$2.50 to \$3.50
Or with plated blades, \$4.50 to \$12.50
Silver-Plated Fruit Knives, per set of 6, \$2.50 to \$3.50
Other Styles, per set of 6, \$2.50 to \$12.50
Also over 15 other patterns of fine Silver-Plated Spoons and Forks from which you can select. Thousands at \$2.50 and \$3.00, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.50 and all other prices to match at proportionate prices.

This stock of plated wares is the finest ever exhibited in one store in America. The quality is guaranteed by our name stamped on each piece, and the prices the lowest ever made on these fine goods.

Mermod & Jaccard's
Broadway and Locust.

A SWEEPING REDUCTION SALE

OF LADIES' JACKETS, SUITS, SKIRTS, WAISTS AND FURS.

CROWDS! CROWDS!! CROWDS!!! Store packed with delighted buyers! Nothing to equal this event ever before known in St. Louis! You cannot afford to miss this sale.

Ladies' Suits Slashed!

Here's the opportunity of a lifetime to secure a stylish suit at a ridiculously low price.

LADIES' \$15.00 AND \$18.00
TAILOR-MADE SUITS,
OUT TO.....\$7.50

LADIES' \$25.00 AND \$30.00
TAILOR-MADE SUITS,
OUT TO.....\$14.50

LADIES' \$35.00, \$40.00 AND
\$45.00 SUITS—CHOICE
AT.....\$23.50

\$10 Jackets for \$3.98

Stylish coats in the best modes and fabrics of the season—sold regularly at \$10—now cut to.....\$3.98

\$12.50 Jackets cut to.....\$ 5.98

\$15.00 Jackets cut to.....\$ 7.50

\$20.00 Jackets cut to.....\$10.00

\$25.00 Jackets cut to.....\$12.50

\$30.00 Jackets cut to.....\$15.00

SILK WAISTS
\$6, \$7 and \$8
qualities
only 1 to customer.....\$1.75



FURS MUST GO!!

Prices have been cut to a lower level than you ever saw in all your life. The values speak for themselves. Read them carefully.

Seal Jackets—Great Values.

\$30.00 Electric Seal Jackets for.....\$15.00
\$40.00 Electric Seal Jackets for.....\$25.00
\$50.00 Near Seal Jackets for.....\$35.00
\$60.00 Fine Seal Jackets for.....\$40.00

Fur Scarfs—Bargains.

\$ 3.00 Fur Scarfs slashed to.....\$ 1.00
\$ 5.00 Fur Scarfs slashed to.....\$ 1.98
\$ 7.50 Fur Scarfs slashed to.....\$ 2.98
\$10.00 Fur Scarfs slashed to.....\$ 5.00
\$15.00 Fur Scarfs slashed to.....\$ 7.50
\$20.00 Fur Scarfs slashed to.....\$10.00
\$25.00 Fur Scarfs slashed to.....\$15.00

Fur Muffs—Any Price.

\$5.00 Fur Muffs—yours for.....\$1.00
\$7.50 Fur Muffs—yours for.....\$2.00

Sommerfeld's

L. ACKERMAN MANAGERS E. B. KLINE
419-421-423-425 BROADWAY

LADIES' SKIRTS
\$6.50 Skirts for.....\$2.98
\$7.50 Skirts for.....\$3.98
\$10.00 Skirts for.....\$4.98

DUKE OF NORFOLK TO MARRY.
England's Premier Peer Will Wed His First Cousin
LONDON, Dec. 17.—It is authoritatively announced that the Duke of Norfolk is engaged to be married to the Hon. Gwendolen

Mary Maxwell, elder daughter of Lord Herries. As the duke and Miss Maxwell are first cousins once removed, a dispensation from the Pope was necessary. The duke is premier peer of England and is 55 years of age. His first wife died in 1887 and his only son, the Earl of Arundel, last year after a life of great affliction.

MRS. VANDERBILT ECONOMIZES
Special to the Post-Dispatch.
NEWPORT, R. I., Dec. 17.—Mrs. Alfred G. Vanderbilt spent an hour today buying Christmas presents at a five and ten cent store. She filled her tan-colored trap with the goods she bought.

We've Cut the Price on a Lot of

Boys' Sailor and Novelty SUITS



We are overstocked in two lines—at \$4.75 and \$6.00. They include—

Blouse Sailors, Sailor Norfolks and Little Novelty Suits of Serges, Scotchies and Corduroys, in red, blue and handsome color mixtures; lined with fine wool serge, with taped and embroidered collars and shields, and emblems on sleeves—Suits that are splendid values at their regular prices, \$4.75 and \$6, but which to clean out quickly we've marked down to

\$3.55

All ages, from 3 to 10 years—on sale tomorrow in the Boys' Department, on second floor.

Other Friday Bargains.

Boys' Suits—About a hundred left of those well-made all-wool cheviot and fancy Scotch Knee Pants Suits, in Norfolks—ages 5 to 12—and double-breasted Suits, ages 8 to 16—a special purchase—going out at..... **\$2.65**

Child's Overcoat—A handsome coat of navy blue frieze, with emblem on sleeve, big gilt buttons, velvet collar, buttoning high at neck—a nicely trimmed, well made coat for boys of 3 to 7 years, of which we are selling hundreds, at..... **\$3.25**

Boys' Sweaters—A great showing of pure wool Sweaters, in fancy stripes—navy, maroon, white and all school colors—sizes 20 to 35, at..... **\$1.00**

Other grades at 50c to \$2.00, and everything else in Furnishings for Boys, including Underwear, Shirts, Hosiery, Neckwear, Leggings, Mackintoshes, etc.

The MODEL

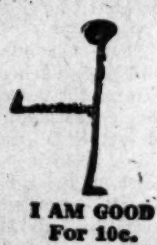
"Your Money's Worth or Money Back."

Seventh and Washington.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

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Sherlock Holmes Knows



what the "Dancing Men" mean. You will know too, if you read his latest adventure and marvelous solution of this mysterious cryptogram, in Christmas

Collier's

which contains also the opening chapter of WINSTON CHURCHILL's new novel, "The Borderland."

You can get this great Christmas number for 15 cents. The regular price is a quarter, but the publishers have invested each of these little men in a circle with the value of 10 cents. Tear one out and any newsdealer will honor it as part payment for Christmas Collier's.



"Should any dealer refuse to accept the circle mail it direct to Collier's, New York, and the Christmas Number will be mailed prepaid."



KNIVES, MANICURE SETS AND CANDY

Some of the Many Things Senators Have Charged to Uncle Sam

HANNA NOT ON THE LIST

Foraker and Beveridge Seem to Be the Chief Abusers of Privileges

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The annual report of Secretary Charles E. Bennett, wherein the public is informed in detail of the amount the United States Senate costs them and how it is spent, has been made public. In addition to the salaries and mileage of senators and employees, large sums are credited to a contingent fund and other accounts. The contingent fund is the general miscellaneous account, and is spent for everything from telegrams to household candy. A large part of it is covered by official telegrams. Some of the interesting items follow:

Two dozen corkcaw knives, \$21.50.
Two wrist bags, \$10.
Four manicure sets, \$12.

The Senate is assessed 30 cents for "changing the name on one mug." The item is presumed to refer to one in the barber shop.

Among the periodicals subscribed for, which, while excellent ones in their way, hardly suggest themselves as staid senatorial reading, are "The Delineator," the "St. Nicholas" and the "Youth's Companion."

The telephone list is by far the most interesting. In it are listed some 8000 telegrams charged to the government as official business. The names of the senators and receiving party are given.

On Feb. 11, 1903, the following entry occurred: "Aldrich, Washington to Rockefeller, New York—33 cents." The matter to which the telegram referred is not given, but it was attested to as "official business of the Senate of the United States."

There are included in less than 11 telegrams from Senator Foraker to Chairman George Cox, for whom the government paid. Senators Foraker and Beveridge are easily the leaders in the number of telegrams sent at the government's expense, although all the senators save Hanna and Aldrich have made liberal use of the privilege. Senator Foraker's only item is the communication to Mr. Rockefeller, referred to above, and Senator Beveridge is on record as having sent no telegram at the government's expense. Senator Reed Smoot, the Mormon, whose name is in the present question, charged a bunch of telegrams to his friends in Utah three days before he was sworn in as a member of the Senate last March.

When the list was circulated it was diligently searched for a record of some correspondence between senators and combine managers during the days when President Roosevelt and Senator Lodge accused the "outpost" of attempting to influence legislation in January last. Only one significant entry, however, occurs. It is the record of a word reply from Senator Foraker to a telegram from A. J. Cassatt, president of the Pennsylvania Railroad, in Philadelphia.

The two largest sums the government is taxed for are official telegrams. Senators are two \$20 cablegrams from Senator Warren to Gen. Humphrey at Manila, whom the senator is strenuously objected to appointing quartermaster-general of the army, and a \$10 one between Senator Mitchell of Oregon and John Barrett of the same state, who was then attending the Indian "durbars" and whose appointment as minister to Japan Senator Hanna successfully side-tracked.

CARNEGIE IS GLAD WE HAVE NEGROES

They Raise the Cotton Which Is a Great Factor in Our Political Supremacy

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—At a meeting here today of the Armstrong Association Andrew Carnegie surprised his hearers by asserting that he believed Great Britain would surely some day lose South Africa. He says:

"It is about as certain as we are living that Great Britain will lose South Africa because the Dutch population there is increasing and the British are not. The Kaffirs won't work."

"What would Great Britain give for 1,000,000 negroes as pliable and as lovable as those in this country?"

"These men give us about 11,000,000 bales of cotton every year and this, I contend, helps make the United States the most powerful nation in the world."

"Suppose a fleet of British warships should attack us. The President, as commander-in-chief of the army and navy, need only raise his hand and say stop exporting cotton and the war would be won."

"What a happy country this is to have the negro."

"My knowledge of the question leads me to the opinion that no political measure can ever give or benefit the negro. The Hampton Institute shows the only useful solution."

The association named after Gen. S. C. Armstrong, founder of Hampton Institute, carried on the work in behalf of the negro, which Gen. Armstrong began.

POOR MAN BEATS ROCKEFELLER

Court Holds He Had a Right to Fish on Millionaire's Estate When State Stocked Streams

MALONE, N. Y., Dec. 17.—William Rockefeller has been defeated in an action for trespass which he brought against Oliver Lamora, a poor resident of the Adirondacks Mountains. Lamora was charged with fishing in streams on Mr. Rockefeller's estate, but asserted that he had a right to do so because the streams were stocked by the state.

The case was sent back to the county court from the appellate division of the supreme court and again will be carried up on appeal as it involves the interests of many millionaires who have large estates in the mountains and desire the hunting and fishing as their exclusive privileges.

MONEY VANISHED ON SLEEPER.

Railroad Contractor Lost \$1400 on Way From Washington.

A. B. Elliott, a railroad contractor, has reported to the St. Louis police the loss of \$1400 from his pocketbook while he was sleeping in the Pullman car Ursa, en route from Washington to St. Louis. He does not know just when the money was taken. Elliott had \$3200 in the purse and among the bills taken was a \$500 gold certificate on which Mr. Elliott remembers, were several ink spots. The St. Louis police have notified the police of Cincinnati, Indianapolis and Washington.

Dog Mars Boy's Face.
Little Walter Schirmer, aged 3 years, son of Ernest Schirmer, living near Clayton, did not heed the growling of a dog over a bone and was badly bitten below the left

Simmons Hardware Co.

Now open until 6 p. m.

BROADWAY STORE

Now open until 6 p. m.

Beginning Monday of next week, the store will be open evenings until 9 o'clock, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday Nights ONLY, closed Thursday (Christmas Eve) at 6 P. M.

BUY NOW instead of later on, is the "stitch in time" which will save you trouble. The time for "looking" is about over—only six more shopping days till Christmas and you know the weather may not always remain as pleasant as now.

IMPORTANT TO CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS

Reduction Sale of Watches

At Actual Wholesale Prices

Not everybody knows that our stock of Watches is one of the best in this country, and that our prices are unusually favorable; but what is of still more importance to you is the fact that we are now closing out our entire lot at actual wholesale prices. Remember—our stock includes a full line of Elgin, Waltham and other good makes—Watches at all prices from

\$1.25 and up



This \$45 Watch, \$21.50 now

25-year 14-k. gold-filled hunting case, raised gold ornaments; 15 jewel Elgin movement—an excellent time-keeper, now only \$21.50.



This \$32 Watch, \$16.25 now

14-k. gold-filled hunting case, beautifully engraved, 25 year guarantee. Fine 15 jewel Waltham movement—a good reliable watch, only \$16.25.

Gentlemen's \$49.00 Hunting Case Watches, now \$23.50

1/2 gold, 14-karat case (guaranteed to wear as long as any solid gold case), beautifully engraved and containing 15-jewel Waltham movement.

Gentlemen's \$42.50 Hunting Case Watches, now \$20.50

Gold-filled 14-karat case, guaranteed for 25 years, solid gold raised ornaments, 15-jewel Waltham movement.

Ladies' \$34.00 Hunting Case Watches, now \$16.00

Gold-filled 14-karat case, 25-year guarantee, case inlaid with rose diamonds, 15-jewel Waltham movement.

Ladies' \$31.50 Hunting Case Watches, now \$15.00

Gold-filled 14-karat case, 25-year guarantee, good 7-jewel Waltham movement.

Gentlemen's \$28.50 Small Size Watches, now \$13.75

Gold-filled 14-karat case, 25-year guarantee, hunting case inlaid with rose diamond in center, 15-jewel Elgin movement.

Ladies' \$8.50 Open Face Watches, now \$4.00

Sterling silver engine turned case, good movement.

Gentlemen's \$4.25 Open Face Watches, now \$2.00

Gold-plated engraved case, good movement.

Boys' \$4.25 Open Face Nickel Watches, now \$2.00

Watch Fobs Large assortment of beautiful designs now offered at one-third actual value.

Horse Goods as Holiday Gifts

Selections in fine HARNESS, SADDLES, ROBES, DRIVING GLOVES, WHIPS, CROPS, CARRIAGE HEATERS, etc., are appropriate gifts for lovers of horses. The display in our great HARNESS STORE (first floor) is proving a popular attraction this Christmas season—wise horse owners know this is the place to find the best of everything.



Gentlemen's Riding Saddles, finest material and workmanship, \$12.50 to \$60.00.

Dash Clocks and Cases, for carriages, runabouts and automobiles, \$4.50 to \$25.00.

Driving and Automobile Gloves, Fowles, imported, English make, \$1.75, \$2.25, \$3.00, \$3.25 and \$4.00.

Lap Robes, silk and mohair plush, whipcord, box, beaver and covert cloth. Select a Christmas Gift from this splendid stock—the finest robes ever shown in St. Louis—\$2.00, \$3.25, \$4.00, and up to \$75.00.

Riding Crops, plain, buckhorn and ivory crooks, gold and silver plate and sterling silver mounts—\$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$3.25 and up to \$14.00.

Whips, all styles, plain and fancy stocks—50c, \$1.00, \$1.50 up to \$18.00.

Imported Riding Bridles, \$2.00, \$2.75, \$3.50 to \$14.00.

Carriage Heaters, \$1.50, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$4.00 and \$5.00.

Also Horse Measuring Canes, Appointment Kits for Runabouts, Side Saddles, Astride Saddles, fine Harness, etc., etc.

Simmons Hardware Co.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

A SNAP FOR XMAS BUYERS.

Having bought the stock and good will of the HAWLEY-MURPHY TRUNK CO.

Together with the enormous stock that we had already selected for the holiday trade, we find ourselves greatly overstocked on fine leather goods such as Pocketbooks, Card Cases, Letter Books, Toilet Rolls, Cuff and Collar Boxes, Music Rolls, Fitted Bags and Suit Cases. In order to move this stock we are making greatly reduced prices. Remember—two stores.

Herkert & Meisel Trunk Co.

514-516 Washington Av. and 608 Washington Av.

PAID HIM \$60; GOT NO JOB

Trusting Individual From Pennsylvania the Victim of an Acquaintance of St. Louis Police

William Fellham, who, according to the police, was sent to prison two years ago for complicity with two women in drug-smuggling and robbing a man in a beer garden, is under arrest on a warrant charging him with grand larceny.

complainant witness. He says Fellham contacted a "private detective agency" at Ninth and Olive streets, and that he was one of his customers to the extent of giving him \$60 as commission for getting him employment as a detective. The position was not forthcoming, and Evans made complaint.

ATTRACTIVE

Announcements from the "ready-to-wear" departments of the leading dry goods stores will be found every Friday in the POST-DISPATCH.

GEN. WALLACE HAS CANCER IN NOSE

Author, Diplomat and Soldier Is in New York Taking X-Ray Treatment

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 17.—A special to the News from New York says: "Gen. Lew Wallace is in the city under the care of an eminent specialist. He is taking the X-ray treatment for a cancerous condition of the nose, and if this treatment is not successful may submit to an operation as a last resort."

He has suffered from this ailment for a number of years. It has not affected his general health, and the ailment may not shorten his days.

For several years he has gone periodically to Cincinnati for treatment, and for months at a time has tried the X-rays at that place, seemingly with success in arresting the progress of the disease.

It is understood that his trip to New York was taken at the earnest solicitation of his family and near friends.

USES PISTOL TO GET 50 CENTS

Negro Threatens Charles Seibold of Alton, Is Arrested, Then Attacks Him Second Time

A quarrel over a debt of 50 cents, which John W. Hill, a negro, tried to collect from Charles Seibold of Alton, resulted in threats with a revolver, a long chase of the negro, his arrest, a fine of \$5, his return to the attack, using a club this time, and his second arrest and imprisonment.

Seibold ordered Hill out of his livery stable, and when Hill would not go Seibold went to the telephone to call the police. Hill thrust a revolver against his temple and told him he would shoot if he called. Seibold did not call, but a policeman came along and Hill started to run. Seibold and the policeman pursued him in a buggy for seven blocks and caught him.

At the police station Hill's money and revolver were taken in payment of the fine assessed against him, and he was discharged. In a few minutes he renewed his efforts to collect from Seibold, making threats to kill him. It is alleged that Seibold secured a state warrant against him and he was arrested when he appeared at the police station to try to recover some of his money.

CHARGES AGAINST CAPTAIN.

Phillips of the 27th Accused of Duplicating Pay Accounts

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Charges of duplicating his pay accounts for the months of October and November were today preferred against Capt. John W. I. Phillips, Twenty-seventh United States Infantry, by Col. Francis S. Dodge, chief paymaster of the department of the east.

Col. Dodge has forwarded the papers in the case to the paymaster-general in Washington for further action.

Capt. Phillips is on leave of absence from his regiment, which is now stationed in the Philippines. Following immediately on the heels of the suit for divorce brought by the captain, in which Mrs. Phillips brings counter charges, the army charges have awakened unusual interest in army circles.

TOOK GRANDMOTHER'S MONEY.

Girl Says Sun Belonged to Her for Work Done

Edna Spieler, 16 years old, who lives with her grandmother, Mrs. Lizzie Meegan, 55 years old, at 25 South Tenth street, is held at the Four Courts detention room on complaint of her grandmother that she took \$20 from her.

The girl admits that she took the money, but says it was money for work she had worked and which she had given to the grandmother. Mrs. Meegan, she says, refused to give her any of the money and clothes and she took \$20 with which to buy a suit.

The girl's mother, Mrs. J. T. McLean, lives at 501 East Third street, Fort Worth, Tex. Her grandmother insists that she be sent to the House of the Good Shepherd at once.

REGIMENT FOR DREYFUS.

War Office Has Determined to Make Restitution to the Captain.

PARIS, Dec. 17.—The Liberte confirms the report that the council of war office has considered the details of Dreyfus' reinstatement in the army, and that the regiment he will command, with the rank of lieutenant-colonel, has been chosen.

It is added that a determination has been reached to deal rigorously with officers who express disapproval of Dreyfus' reinstatement.

JUROR FINED FOR BEING LATE.

South Side Laundryman Blames Tardy Car and Not His Washing

Michael T. Dunn, proprietor of a laundry at 500 South Jefferson avenue, was fined \$5 and costs in the Circuit Court Thursday morning by Judge Moses N. Sale for failing to arrive at court on time.

Dunn was subpoenaed as a juror in the case of Richard Davis vs. the St. Louis Transit Co., and appeared at court five minutes late, giving as an excuse that the car which he boarded was delayed 15 minutes on the way.

"STRAW BOND" CASE STILL ON.

Grandjury Summons Justice Carroll and His Lieutenants to Testify

Justice Robert Carroll, Clerk Joseph M. Griffin, Deputy Constable Louis Fingerlein and other attaches of Justice Carroll's court were subpoenaed to appear before the grand jury Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. It is understood that the men are wanted to testify in the "straw bond" investigation.

Lynching Cases Postponed

The cases against the 14 men indicted on the charge of complicity in the lynching of David S. Wyatt at Belleville last spring, and which were set for trial Thursday, will not be reached until next week, when time on account of the crowded condition of the docket.

There are several burglary and larceny cases, one murder case, and the trial of former County Clerk George K. Thomas to be disposed of before the lynching cases can be taken up.

Birthing Easily Maintained.

At the recent annual dinner of the St. Andrew's Society, Andrew Carnegie said: "But few Scotchmen have been cured by being born to wealth," and continued in a speech praising poverty.

The Rev. Dr. George C. Lottman raised a laugh at the expense of Mr. Carnegie. "I am glad," said Dr. Lottman, "to hear that Andrew Carnegie is such an enthusiastic admirer of poverty. I was born poor, and I know that I shall not have to exercise my wit to know how to die poor."

Boston News Bureau.

Church to Be Open Nightly.

A plan to open the Episcopal Church of the Holy Communion every evening for the entertainment of dwellers in the vicinity of Leffingwell and Washington avenues has been formed by the rector, Rev. Charles F. Haiseld.

The guild rooms and parlors of the church will be used for the purpose. Ultimately it is hoped to secure a building near the church, to be fitted up as a parish house.

\$18.25 to New Orleans and Return.

On Dec. 25, 26, 27 and 28, the Mobile & Ohio railroad will sell tickets at above rate. Ticket office 23 Olive street.

MRS. M'SORLEY GETS WARRANT

She Positively Identifies Solomon Jefferson as the Man Who Robbed Her

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Dalton issued a warrant Thursday morning against Solomon Jefferson, a negro, charging him with robbery in the first degree.

Jefferson was positively identified by Mrs. M'Sorley as the man who robbed her Tuesday evening.

Council Opposes Adjournment

The City Council by unanimous vote has asked the House of Delegates to reconsider the concurrent resolution to adjourn from Dec. 18 of Jan. 5.

The resolution was passed at a special meeting of the council, and while the House of Delegates, which is now pending before the House of Delegates, is not named, it is the legislation referred to.

Sonnenfeld's

LACKERMAN, MANAGERS E.B. KLINE,
415-431-433-435 N. BROADWAY.

A Special Sale of Millinery, Ribbons, Toilet Articles, Jewelry and Leather Goods—interesting news for Christmas shoppers.

\$3.00 and \$4.00
Amazon Plumes,
\$1.00

In black, white and colors—all that's left from our great auction purchase.

Ladies' Silk Beavers, 98c

All shapes and colors, worth \$2.75. A special offer for tomorrow—Friday.

Millinery Bargains.

Velvet and Taffeta Silk Hats, worth \$2.00—Friday at **50c**

Trimmed Black Silk Velvet Hats—come promptly if you want one—worth \$6.50—Friday **\$3.50**

RIBBON.

4-inch All-Silk, Satin and Taffeta Ribbon—Friday special, yard **15c**

RIBBON.

800 pieces 50-yard best quality all-silk Spool Ribbon—**39c**
50 yards for **39c**

Toilet Articles For Christmas.

All our 50c and 75c Sterling Silver Manicure and Fancy Articles. **25c**

All our 98c to \$1.50 Sterling Silver Manicure and Toilet Articles. **50c**

Ebony Comb and Brush—Sterling silver trimmed—packed in nice box—complete for. **75c**

Ebony Comb and Brush—with large mirror—sterling silver trimmed—packed in fancy box—**\$1.25**

Manicure Sets—Comb and Brush Sets—in ebony, painted china and silver—a choice line for your selection at **\$1.00**

\$25.00

Jewelry 1/3 Off.

All our plain and Set Gold Rings at a discount of 33 1/3 per cent.

A great opportunity to select a beautiful Ring for a Christmas gift at big saving. Every Ring guaranteed.

Pearl Set Gold Rings—See the great value at **50c**

Leather Goods For Christmas Gifts.

The largest and choicest assortment we've ever shown—lower prices than prevail elsewhere—two good reasons why you should inspect this line if you are in search of a useful, beautiful and acceptable Christmas gift for a relative or friend.

Don't Lose Your Grip

Gray hairs often stand in the way of advancement for both men and women, socially and in business. Many men are failing to secure good positions just because they look "too old" and no one knows how many women have been disappointed in life because they have failed to preserve that attractiveness which so largely depends on the hair.

HAY'S HAIR-HEALTH

has been a blessing to thousands. It is a hair food, nourishing the roots, forcing luxuriant growth, covering bald spots, restoring freshness and life, and positively brings back gray hair to its youthful beauty as if color. Hay's Hair-Health is not a dye, and its use cannot be detected.

LARGE 50c BOTTLES. AT LEADING DRUGGISTS.

Free Soap Offer Good for 25c. cake

HARFINA SOAP.

Cut out and sign this coupon in five days, take it to any of the following druggists and they will give you a large cake of Hay's Hair-Health and a 25c. cake of Harfina Soap, the best soap for Hair, Soap, Condition, Bath and Toilet, both for Fifty cents; regular price, 75c. Redeemed by leading druggists everywhere at their shops only, or by the Philo Hay Specialties Co., 225 Lafayette St., Newark, N.J., either with or without soap, by express, prepaid, in plain sealed package on receipt of 50c. and this coupon.

Name.....

Address.....

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Watches on Easy Credit

And Diamonds and Jewelry, too. Remember, I have kept a first-class jewelry store on Olive street for 22 years, and you can depend on what I say. I make a specialty of Elgin and Waltham Watches, as well as Silk Umbrellas, Opera Glasses, Silverware, Carving Sets, Dishes, Lamps and a hundreds of other handsome and useful gifts. Open every night.

F. H. INGALLS, 1223 Olive Street.

The Delineator For JANUARY



MRS. OSBORN

the renowned fashion authority, has become a regular contributor to The Delineator. Three pages of the January number (and of future issues) will be devoted to her letter with accompanying illustrations. This is our latest achievement in the interest of those who subscribe to The Delineator primarily for its fashion information. Hereafter the magazine will contain not only the latest ideas covering an immense range of styles of our own corps of designers, artists and writers, with illustrations by the most skilful fashion artists, but it will also present the views of the present and the prophecies for the future of this justly famous modiste.

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A Remarkable Series on PERSONAL BEAUTY HOW TO ATTAIN AND PRESERVE IT

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THE EVOLUTION OF A CLUB WOMAN—Serial
THE GOLDEN POPPY—A story by Jack London
A DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN
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STOCKHOLDERS' MEETINGS.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Fourth National Bank of St. Louis, state of Missouri, for the election of directors, to be held during the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting, will be held at the office of the said bank on the 12th day of January, 1937, at 10 o'clock a. m. to 12 o'clock noon.

H. A. FORMAN, President.
Attorney: G. A. WATSON, Secretary.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 11, 1936.

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THE UNION DENTISTS

to reliable, accurate dentists, who are experts in the various branches of dentistry. They have their money away on the so-called best dentists when you can have it done by us for the cost of material.

FULL SET OF TEETH, \$6.00.

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Consultation, book and advice free. Call or write. **SLAVOUS DEBILITY, WEAK MEN, Exhausting business, Chronic Weakness, from Indigestion, Kidney or Intestine, causing Self-Inflicted, Melancholy, Anxieties, Unfitness to carry business, inability, treated with success.** Blank \$1. FREE. **BLOOD AND SKIN** Diseases cured for life. Head, Stomach, Throat, Eczema, etc. Blank \$2. FREE. **KIDNEY AND BLADDER** Affections, as: pain, difficulty, frequent, stinging, bloody urine, and **PRIVATE** matters promptly cured. Blank \$3. **BURSCAL** and **STONED** conditions cured. Blank \$4. **GUARANTEED** cured. **VALUABLE** in 6 days.

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Quick Meal, Superior and Buck's Steel Ranges at cash prices, on easy terms.

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Or a Wilson Allright Heater as low as **\$9.50**

A good oak, nickel-trimmed heater, with 13-inch brood, only **\$3.98**

We are open until 9 o'clock on Saturday.

This would make a useful one. Six-foot, pillar leg Extension Table, worth \$12.00, only **\$6.85**

An acceptable present—a nice Golden Oak Sideboard, French plate glass, lined drawer, only **\$9.80**

A fine Rocker never comes when you can get it at almost your own price. **\$1.65**

Morris Chair, golden oak with fancy cushions. **\$4.85**

Wouldn't this make a fine present? An elegant tufted top Couch, fancy design frame. **\$16.20**

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Don't Miss Our Carpets and Rugs.

Brussels Room Rugs, size 9x12; an elegant assortment of patterns. **\$10.60**

Ingrain Room Rugs, in red and greens, only **\$3.95**

Brussels Car. pet, per yard. **57c**

Ingrain Carpet, per yard. **38c**

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MISS COOK ASSERTS LEAVITT WOODED HER

Tells, for First Time, Story of Her Relations With Bryan's Son-in-Law

WEDDING DAY SET. SHE SAYS

Accompanied Him and His Mother to New York When He Went West to Seek Fortune

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
NEWPORT, R. I., Dec. 17.—Miss Wilhelmina J. Cook, a charming brunette of 24 years, and of striking beauty, assured the Post-Dispatch correspondent this morning that she was engaged to be married to William Homer Leavitt, who recently married Miss Ruth Bryan at Lincoln, Neb., despite his denials. This is the first time she has talked for publication.
"I cannot believe," she said, "that Mr. Leavitt could say the things attributed to him in the dispatch from New Orleans. 'Never engaged to Miss Cook. Met her only twice.' Oh, that is too much. He knows that we were engaged to be married. Why, he had even named the date—some time between April 15 and April 18 of this year. He was going to give me an engagement ring, and he showed me many stones so that I could make a selection. I expected to marry Mr. Leavitt, but I am sincerely sorry for the woman who is his bride. I loved him, but now the clouds have been removed from before my eyes. I liked Mr. Leavitt, and although my parents objected to his attentions at first, they gave their consent after a while. I wish the Post-Dispatch would deny for me that Mr. Leavitt and I met only twice. That is a preposterous story. When he went West to seek his fortune, he did not dream that he was to meet Miss Bryan. Accompanied by his mother, I went with Mr. Leavitt as far as New York by the Fall river boat and returned with Mrs. Leavitt to Newport.
"I cannot believe," Mrs. Leavitt ever said that she did not know of my engagement to her only son. She is too good a woman to say such a thing. I love Mrs. Leavitt. Mrs. Leavitt was my friend-in-fact, a mother to me. I loved her then and I love her now. To Mr. Leavitt I said that I was engaged to his son and he appeared to be pleased.
"Tears filled the girl's eyes as she spoke of Mrs. Leavitt.
"Trust me, Wilhelmina: your father will

INDIANA SWEETHEART WAITS IN VAIN FOR HIM



After a week of stolen happiness, while a sweetheart to whom he had pledged his life awaited him in Evansville, Ind., Chas. Zahn, 23 years old, lies at the City Hospital in a critical condition from a bullet wound in the breast. Attending physicians say he cannot recover.
At a hotel at Sixteenth and Market streets Ida Moore, a 20-year-old girl, who came with Zahn from Evansville a week ago, weeps in her grief.
The dying man declares he was attacked by two highwaymen at De Baliviere avenue and the Wabash tracks and that they shot him.
The police, after working all night and half a day on the case, declare Zahn attempted suicide. Miss Moore believes the police are right. She says Zahn, who is a car upholsterer, had \$20 when they came to St. Louis, and that Zahn became despondent Wednesday evening when he found he had only \$10 left.

avenger your wrongs," said the girl's father. "Neither you nor I had anything to do with this wretched story being made public. God knows we never wanted it known. Our attorney, too, counseled secrecy. But no matter. You have escaped a wretched fate."

BERTILLON IMPROVES SYSTEM

Body Marks Now Made Chief Points in Identification, Reducing the Errors to One Per Cent
PARIS, Dec. 17.—M. Bertillon, expert criminologist, has organized a new system for the detection of the criminal. Heretofore photographs have been employed solely in the search for malefactors. Detectives will now be taught to search the physiognomy for three or four striking features, each of which has mathematical value.
Photographs, accompanied by measurements taken under this new system, will, it is claimed, make it practically impossible for well instructed detectives to make any mistake in the classification or detection of criminals.
Heretofore the errors made were as high as 70 per cent, while a trial of M. Bertillon's system has reduced the errors to 1 per cent.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

Windburn smart, and tan isn't pretty. Have a fair face, satin skin, using Satin Skin Cream and Powder.

The prevailing fad. Seven lucky shoes. They sell dearest. Very dainty. Most suitable for girls. See bunch, mailed. Lambert-Deacon-Hull Co., Society Stationers, 518 Locust st.

City Normal School Assured
The Board of Education has decided to build a city normal school at a cost of \$20,000 and the building committee will present plans at the next meeting. The matter has been considered for three months, several members opposing the measure. A delegate will be sent to the State Teachers' convention at St. Joseph Dec. 28.

\$18.25 to New Orleans and Return.
On Dec. 25, 26, 27 and 28, the Mobile & Ohio railroad will sell tickets at above rate. Ticket office 518 Olive street.

ARE THE MISSING LEGALLY DEAD?

Question of Liability of Life Insurance Co. to Be Argued in St. Louis Court

The question of whether a man is legally dead for the purposes of the collection of insurance on his life, after he has been missing for seven years, will come up before Justice Spies Dec. 31. From Justice Spies' court, whatever the decision, it is expected that the case will be taken to the highest courts on appeal.
Thursday Mrs. Adeline Wiems of 6421 Minnesota avenue filed suit against the Equitable Life Assurance Association for \$442, the amount of a policy written by the company on the life of her husband, Oscar Wiems, who disappeared from home Aug. 31, 1896, and, according to his wife, has not since been heard from.
Mrs. Wiems claims that under the Missouri law a man is legally dead after he has been missing continuously for seven years, and as the defendant company refuses to agree with this interpretation of the law and pay over the money, she has filed suit.

WOULDN'T CONFER WITH A NEGRESS

Wellston Teacher Quits Her Position Because of Requirement Made by Principal

Miss Anne S. Evans, daughter of J. R. Evans of 5553 Cote Brilliante avenue, has resigned her position as teacher of the primary department of the Wellston public school, a position which she has held for five years, because a young negro woman attends the semi-monthly conferences of the Wellston teachers, under orders from Mrs. Susie B. Leon, the principal.
Miss Evans appealed to the directors of the school and to State Superintendent Carrington, but the principal's position was upheld by the board.
Superintendent Carrington, in the last letter received by Mr. Evans, says that the Wellston school board has understood the Missouri school law, which does not intend the association of races in the school or in teachers' meetings. He adds that in matters of strictly local interest he has no power to make

rules for the guidance of school boards, and unless the board should appeal to him he cannot offer advice.
W. G. Schofield, an attorney with offices in the Laclede building, is secretary of the Wellston school board. Mr. Schofield says the board has made no attempt to interpret the law, but simply made a rule for the good of their school. The board, he says, has filed the vacancy and regards the incident as closed. Other members of the board are Charles Becker and Lafayette Spencer.

Miss Beatrice Hudlin, daughter of a former postmaster of Clayton, is teacher of the school for colored children in Wellston. Mrs. Leon, as the head of the Wellston schools, ordered all the teachers under her supervision to meet in conferences every two weeks, fearing that the white teachers would object to her presence at these meetings. Miss Hudlin did not attend the first three meetings. Then she received positive orders from the principal. She attended the next meeting. Miss Evans also attended that meeting.

Postmaster's Check Not Good.
When the stranger, whom Benjamin H. Jones of Kirksville, Mo., met at the Union Station, learned that Jones was bound for Burlington, Mo., he told Jones he was postmaster at Burlington, and suggested a stroll about town. At the corner of Twenty-third and Chestnut streets, the "postmaster" happened to remember that he had to pay some express charges and had no cash with him so he borrowed \$50 from Jones, giving him a worthless check signed "Any Company." Jones told the police.

GOVERNMENT BUYS THE FRIARS' LAND

Taft Induces Them to Take \$7,500,000 for Property They Valued at \$13,000,000

MANILA, Dec. 17.—An agreement has been reached by Gov. Taft and the friars providing for the settlement of the "friar" land question.
The Pope has given his approval of the terms of the settlement and the approval of the war department is awaited.
The settlement provides for the purchase of 400,000 acres comprising all agricultural lands and buildings of the friars, with the exception of 12,000 acres, including a farm near Manila, which has been sold to a railway company, and also one sugar plantation.
The price agreed upon is \$7,500,000. The friars originally asked \$13,000,000. Gov. Taft offered them \$6,000,000.
Holiday Excursions
Via Illinois Central to all points South and Southeast. Write C. C. McCarty, D. P. A., St. Louis, Mo.

REMARKABLE CURES BY TYPHOID SERUM

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Remarkable cures of typhoid fever patients reported by Beth-Israel Hospital, serum imported from Italy and prepared in being used. Although typhoid has been in use more than a century, it has just been made in that time 30 cases have been treated at the hospital, which is the most crowded quarter of the east. Not one of the patients died and in many instances improvement had set in before the fever had gone along its regular course. The improvement was invariably permanent and many patients were discharged from the hospital from two to three weeks before the usual time. A small quantity of the serum is injected into the body three times a day, sometimes in the thigh, sometimes in the breast. The operation is one of the simplest and practically painless. Physicians in charge of the institution refuse to discuss the matter fully pending the preparation of a detailed report on each case for the use of the medical profession. They admit the success of the new serum, but maintain that the treatment is still in its experimental stage.

WHAT A CHANCE FOR CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS!

EXPANSION

We have acquired the lease on the storeroom next door north, and get possession some time in January.

TRIPLE CONSOLIDATION AND EXPANSION SALE.

ALL UP-TO-DATE AND DESIRABLE SHOES.

Consolidations such as this create an enormous amount of duplicates, and for that reason all duplicate stock has been marked at greatly reduced prices.

TRIPLE CONSOLIDATION

Our Sixth street store and the Majesty Shoe Co. have been removed to our big store at 410 North Broadway.

Dr. A. Reed CUSHION SHOES

Have been well and favorably known as greater \$3.00 shoe values for men and women. We have marked all duplicate stock of this celebrated line at

\$2.50

The balance will be sold at the regular price, \$3.00.

We shall maintain a regular department for Majesty Shoes and keep up the same standard and quality which has made so many friends for this make of shoes.

Have the price—\$5.00 and \$6.00—stamped on the bottom of sole, and we are under contract to sell them at these prices. Now, in order to help us reduce this stock during our Consolidation Sale, we have received special permission from the makers of the Dr. A. Reed's Cushion Shoes for Men to sell all samples, duplicate stock and a few sizes of good patterns we will no longer carry—\$6.00 value for \$4.95, and \$5.00 for \$3.95, for a short time only. It is more than likely that you will never have another opportunity to buy Dr. Reed Cushion Shoes at these prices.

Men's Shoes.

Our entire Xmas stock of Men's Slippers must also be reduced to harmonize with the rest of our good goods. For particulars and prices see our windows; they tell a pretty story.

Men's imported enamel extra heavy, double sole, well shoes, broken sizes, \$3.50 value, for..... **\$1.98**

Broken lots and sample shoes for men, in all leathers—sizes mostly 9 to 11, A to E—values up to \$5. Expansion Sale Price..... **\$2.98**

Men's Bath Room Slippers..... **19c**

Patent Leather Shoes for men, "Knox make"—samples and discontinued patterns—values \$5 and up to \$6. Expansion Sale Price..... **\$3.95**

Enamel Leather Shoes for men, "Knox make"—samples and discontinued patterns—values \$5 and up to \$6. Expansion Sale Price..... **\$3.95**

Box Calf Shoes for men—up-to-date "Knox make"—samples and discontinued patterns—values \$5.00 values. Expansion Sale..... **\$3.95**

Boys' and Girls' Shoes.

Boys' and Youths' Heavy Sole Lace Shoes, all solid, extra good wearers, satin calf and vici kid, sizes 12 to 2, and 2 1/2 to 5 1/2, C, D and E width. \$1.50 and \$1.75 values—Expansion Sale Price..... **\$1.29**

Boys' Box Calf Heavy Sole Lace Shoes, solid throughout, best school shoes made, sizes 12 to 2, and 2 1/2 to 5 1/2, C, D and E width—Expansion Sale Price..... **\$1.79**

Boys' and Youths' Horse Hide Enamel Shoes, the best wearing enamel leather made, welted soles, up-to-date styles, sizes 12 to 2 and 2 1/2 to 5 1/2, values \$1.50 and \$1.75—Expansion Sale Price..... **\$2.69**

Misses' Box Calf Lace Shoes, extension soles, medium broad toes, sizes 1 1/4 to 2, B, C, D and E width; value \$1.75—Expansion Sale Price..... **\$1.39**

Misses' Vici Kid Lace Shoes, extension soles, all solid, sizes 1 1/4 to 2, B, C, D and E width; value \$1.75—Expansion Sale Price..... **\$1.29**

Misses' Box Calf, Welted Sole, Lace Shoes, neat fitting, extra good school shoes, sizes 12 to 2, and 2 1/2 to 5 1/2, A to E width; value \$1.75—Expansion Sale Price..... **\$1.89**

EXTRA BARGAIN—One lot of Ladies' Dull Kid and Vici Kid Welted Sole Lace Shoes, "Knox make," all new lasts. Sizes are broken slightly, but we can fit most any foot; \$2.00 and \$2.50 values—Expansion Sale Price..... **\$4.10**

Women's Shoes.

SPECIAL LEADER.
Ladies' Patent Vici Kid Extension Sole Street Shoes, up-to-date styles, all new, all sizes and widths; value \$2.25—Expansion Sale Price..... **\$1.69**

40 pairs Ladies' Bath Slippers, soft, easy and good wearers; sold originally at \$5.00—Expansion Sale Price..... **19c**

Ladies' Box and Vici Kid Calf Shoes, medium weight; soles, all sizes and widths; \$2.50 values—Expansion Sale Price..... **\$2.15**

Ladies' Box Calf Welt Lace Shoes, new, up-to-date styles; The Bohemian Special Brand; \$2.50 values—Expansion Sale Price..... **\$2.65**

Ladies' Patent Leather and Vici Kid Frank Toe Shoes, extension soles, all sizes and widths; our Manhattan Special Line, \$2.50—Expansion Sale Price..... **\$2.50**

Ladies' Extra Quality French Vici Kid Lace Shoes, hand-sewn turn Louis XIV heels; \$3.00 "Knox make," all sizes and widths—Expansion Sale Price..... **\$4.45**

Ladies' Patent Ideal Kid Walking Boots, double sole, welted; our "Knox make," strictly up-to-date, no old styles; \$3.00 values; Expansion Sale Price..... **\$4.45**

Patent Dull Kid Walking Boots, welted sole, 4 buttons, low top, correct shape. The tastiest wearing boot produced this season. Stamped Bohemian Special Extra Quality; \$5.00 makes its value—Expansion Sale Price..... **\$2.95**

Ladies' Vici Kid, Welted Sole, Calf-lined, Dew-Frost Street Shoes, double sole and welted "Knox make," all sizes and widths; \$5.00 values—Expansion Sale Price..... **\$4.45**

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Timely Bargains

Phosphate Soda (pure), one pound.....	10c
Glycerine (pure), one pound.....	19c
Epsom Salts— one pound.....	5c
Cod Liver Oil (pure), one pint.....	60c
Cod Liver Oil Emulsion, one pint.....	50c
Rock Candy— one pound.....	10c
Sugar of Milk (pure)— one pound.....	25c
Cream of Tartar (pure)— one pound.....	35c
Quinine— one-ounce bottle.....	45c
100 empty Capsules (any size).....	5c

Drugs Get it at Wolff-Wilson's Cigars

We Invite You to inspect Our Large Assortment of Christmas Perfumes.

In our Perfume department you can see the finest collection of Holiday Perfumes ever brought to the city of St. Louis. Our line consists of imported Bohemian cut glass goods, packed in handsome display boxes of silk and satin. It is impossible for us to give you an adequate description of these handsome goods, but when we say that the prices range from 25c to \$100.00 per package you can have some idea of the variety of styles we carry. Come early and make your selection of a pleasing Christmas gift.

Style "London"

Box and label are lithographed in rich colors and gold embossed; bottle filled with best grade of goods only.

One-half ounce.....	\$1.00
One ounce.....	\$2.00
Two ounces.....	\$4.00

Style "Paris"

Box and label lithographed in colors and gold, finished with silk ribbon, very artistic; for elegant gifts for the season. Each box contains goods for the season. One-half ounce size, each..... 25c; one ounce size, each..... 50c; two ounce size, each..... \$1.00.

Style "Lubin"

A very neat, tasty package, rich satin and in individual boxes, lithographed in subdued colors, making very handsome packages.

One-half ounce size, each.....	25c
One ounce size, each.....	50c
One and three-quarter ounce size, each.....	75c

Style 11,329

Double size French bottle, embossed label, handsome French box, lined in finest satin, box stamped in gold leaf, any odor, each..... **\$2.00**

Style 11,251

Handsome cut-glass bottle, Bohemian stopper, celluloid box, raised flowers, any odor, each..... **\$2.50**

Style 11,485

Handsome Bohemian cut-glass bottle, hand decorated, in gold and flowers, filled with Allan's Janice..... **\$3.00**

Style 4082

Quadruple size, bottle finest Bohemian cut-glass, with fine lapidary cut stopper, in handsome box, any odor..... **\$3.50**

Style 5062

Bohemian cut-glass bottle, hand decorated, in flowers and gold, pyramid cut stopper, put up in water-color hand-painted box, Princess Violet, each..... **\$4.00**

Style 8359

Handsome box, covered with marble paper; bottle imported Bohemian full cut with lapidary stopper; this is one of our handsomest styles and best seller; any odor; each..... **\$5.00**

Style 5005

Put up in handsome French box, lined with best yellow silk, handsome Bohemian cut ground glass bottle, new style, filled with Allan's Janice, each..... **\$5.50**

Style 5074

New style, handsome decorated bottle in gold and flowers, pyramid cut stopper, handsome flower box, lined with silk, any odor, each..... **\$5.50**

Style 4090

The finest cut-glass Bohemian bottle, lapidary stopper, red silk box, lined with white satin, bottle holding eight ounces, filled with Allan's Janice; one of the handsomest packages ever offered to the trade, each..... **\$8.00**

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The neatest Bohemian color, dressed and cut bottle, with pyramid cut stopper, enameled in flowers and gold, in royal purple silk box, full satin lined, any odor, each..... **\$12.00**

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